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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 83, L.D. 263, Bill, "An Act to Authorize a Physician's Assistant or a Nurse Practitioner to Sign Papers Transferring a Patient for Evaluation for Emergency Involuntary Commitment"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph B in the next to the last line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "assistant," the following: 'certified psychiatric clinical nurse specialist,'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "assistant," the following: 'certified psychiatric clinical nurse specialist,'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2 in paragraph A in the first line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "assistant," the following: 'certified psychiatric clinical nurse specialist,'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the first line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "assistant," the following: 'certified psychiatric clinical nurse specialist,'

SUMMARY

This amendment expands the list of medical personnel who are authorized to sign the documents necessary to transfer to a mental hospital a person on an emergency basis to include certified psychiatric clinical nurse specialists. The transfer must then be approved by a judge or justice of the peace.