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Dear Sirs:

This letter is a request for input into possible legislative change. The Lanterman-Petris-Short Act is currently being reviewed by various groups for legislative change. The San Diego County Medical Society has reviewed the law as it relates to emergency physicians and made the following recommendation:

Section 5150 - When any person, as a result of a mental disorder, is a danger to others, or to himself, or gravely disabled, a peace officer, an *emergency physician*, member of the attending staff, as defined by regulation, of an evaluation facility designated by the county, or other professional person designated by the county may, upon probably cause, take, or cause to be taken, the person into custody and place him in a facility designated by the county and approved by the State Department of Health as a facility for 72 hour treatment and evaluation.

Section 5150.1 (new) - A person who would be in danger if not given *emergency medical treatment* and who has a mental disorder as a result of a potentially reversible medical condition qualifies for treatment and evaluation under code 5150.

Section 5150.2 (new) - *Medical treatment* may be begun in an emergency room of a Basic Emergency Medical Services hospital if necessary for stabilization.

The italics are the amendments recommended by the San Diego County Medical Society. We would appreciate your comments.

Sincerely,

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