

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a transportation plan for persons furloughed or
3 discharged from certain mental health facilities.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 574, Health and Safety
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 574.089 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 574.089. TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR FURLOUGH OR
8 DISCHARGE. (a) The facility administrator of a mental health
9 facility, in conjunction with the local mental health authority,
10 shall create a transportation plan for a person scheduled to be
11 furloughed or discharged from the facility.

12 (b) The transportation plan must account for the capacity of
13 the person, must be in writing, and must specify:

14 (1) who is responsible for transporting the person;

15 (2) when the person will be transported; and

16 (3) where the person will arrive.

17 (c) If the person consents, the facility administrator
18 shall forward the transportation plan to a family member of the
19 person before the person is transported.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jon Stroman

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4276 was passed by the House on May 5, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4276 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Gaud

Secretary of the Senate

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Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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