

AN ACT concerning sexually violent persons.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act is amended by changing Sections 55, 60, and 75 as follows:

(725 ILCS 207/55)

Sec. 55. Periodic reexamination; report.

(a) If a person has been committed under Section 40 of this Act and has not been discharged under Section 65 of this Act, the Department shall submit a written report to the court on ~~conduct an examination of~~ his or her mental condition within 6 months after an initial commitment under Section 40 and then at least once every 12 months thereafter ~~from the completion of the last evaluation~~ for the purpose of determining whether the person has made sufficient progress to be conditionally released or discharged. At the time of a reexamination under this Section, the person who has been committed may retain or, if he or she is indigent and so requests, the court may appoint a qualified expert or a professional person to examine him or her.

(b) Any examiner conducting an examination under this Section shall prepare a written report of the examination no later than 30 days after the date of the examination. The examiner shall place a copy of the report in the person's health care records and shall provide a copy of the report to the court that committed the person under Section 40. The examination shall be conducted in conformance with the standards developed under the Sex Offender Management Board Act and by an evaluator approved by the Board.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Section, the court that committed a person under Section 40 may order a reexamination of the person at any time during the period in

which the person is subject to the commitment order. Any examiner conducting an examination under this Section shall prepare a written report of the examination no later than 30 days after the date of the examination.

(d) Petitions for discharge after reexamination must follow the procedure outlined in Section 65 of this Act.

(Source: P.A. 93-616, eff. 1-1-04.)

(725 ILCS 207/60)

Sec. 60. Petition for conditional release.

(a) Any person who is committed for institutional care in a secure facility or other facility under Section 40 of this Act may petition the committing court to modify its order by authorizing conditional release if at least 6 months have elapsed since the initial commitment order was entered, the most recent release petition was denied or the most recent order for conditional release was revoked. The director of the facility at which the person is placed may file a petition under this Section on the person's behalf at any time.

(b) If the person files a timely petition without counsel, the court shall serve a copy of the petition on the Attorney General or State's Attorney, whichever is applicable and, subject to paragraph (c)(1) of Section 25 of this Act, appoint counsel. If the person petitions through counsel, his or her attorney shall serve the Attorney General or State's Attorney, whichever is applicable.

(c) Within 20 days after receipt of the petition, the court shall appoint one or more examiners having the specialized knowledge determined by the court to be appropriate, who shall examine the mental condition of the person and furnish a written report of the examination to the court within 30 days after appointment. The examiners shall have reasonable access to the person for purposes of examination and to the person's past and present treatment records and patient health care records. If any such examiner believes that the person is appropriate for conditional release, the examiner shall report

on the type of treatment and services that the person may need while in the community on conditional release. The State has the right to have the person evaluated by experts chosen by the State. Any examination or evaluation conducted under this Section shall be in conformance with the standards developed under the Sex Offender Management Board Act and conducted by an evaluator approved by the Board. The court shall set a probable cause hearing as soon as practical after the examiner's report is filed. If the court determines at the probable cause hearing that cause exists to believe that it is not substantially probable that the person will engage in acts of sexual violence if on release or conditional release, the court shall set a hearing on the issue.

(d) The court, without a jury, shall hear the petition within 30 days after the report of the court-appointed examiner is filed with the court, unless the petitioner waives this time limit. The court shall grant the petition unless the State proves by clear and convincing evidence that the person has not made sufficient progress to be conditionally released. In making a decision under this subsection, the court must consider the nature and circumstances of the behavior that was the basis of the allegation in the petition under paragraph (b) (1) of Section 15 of this Act, the person's mental history and present mental condition, where the person will live, how the person will support himself or herself and what arrangements are available to ensure that the person has access to and will participate in necessary treatment.

(e) Before the court may enter an order directing conditional release to a less restrictive alternative it must find the following: (1) the person will be treated by a Department approved treatment provider, (2) the treatment provider has presented a specific course of treatment and has agreed to assume responsibility for the treatment and will report progress to the Department on a regular basis, and will report violations immediately to the Department, consistent with treatment and supervision needs of the respondent, (3)

housing exists that is sufficiently secure to protect the community, and the person or agency providing housing to the conditionally released person has agreed in writing to accept the person, to provide the level of security required by the court, and immediately to report to the Department if the person leaves the housing to which he or she has been assigned without authorization, (4) the person is willing to or has agreed to comply with the treatment provider, the Department, and the court, and (5) the person has agreed or is willing to agree to comply with the behavioral monitoring requirements imposed by the court and the Department.

(f) If the court finds that the person is appropriate for conditional release, the court shall notify the Department. The Department shall prepare a plan that identifies the treatment and services, if any, that the person will receive in the community. The plan shall address the person's need, if any, for supervision, counseling, medication, community support services, residential services, vocational services, and alcohol or other drug abuse treatment. The Department may contract with a county health department, with another public agency or with a private agency to provide the treatment and services identified in the plan. The plan shall specify who will be responsible for providing the treatment and services identified in the plan. The plan shall be presented to the court for its approval within 60 days after the court finding that the person is appropriate for conditional release, unless the Department and the person to be released request additional time to develop the plan.

(g) The provisions of paragraphs paragraph (b) (4), (b) (5), and (b) (6) of Section 40 of this Act apply to an order for conditional release issued under this Section.

(Source: P.A. 92-415, eff. 8-17-01; 93-616, eff. 1-1-04.)

(725 ILCS 207/75)

Sec. 75. Notice concerning conditional release, ~~or~~ discharge, escape, death, or court-ordered change in the

custody status of a detainee or civilly committed sexually violent person.

(a) As used in this Section, the term:

(1) "Act of sexual violence" means an act or attempted act that is a basis for an allegation made in a petition under paragraph (b) (1) of Section 15 of this Act.

(2) "Member of the family" means spouse, child, sibling, parent, or legal guardian.

(3) "Victim" means a person against whom an act of sexual violence has been committed.

(b) If the court places a civilly committed sexually violent person on conditional release under Section 40 or 60 of this Act or discharges a person under Section ~~60 or~~ 65, or if a detainee or civilly committed sexually violent person escapes, dies, or is subject to any court-ordered change in custody status of the detainee or sexually violent person, the Department shall make a reasonable attempt, if he or she can be found, to notify all of the following who have requested notification under this Act or under the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act:

(1) Whichever of the following persons is appropriate in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) (3):

(A) The victim of the act of sexual violence.

(B) An adult member of the victim's family, if the victim died as a result of the act of sexual violence.

(C) The victim's parent or legal guardian, if the victim is younger than 18 years old.

(2) The Department of Corrections.

(c) The notice under subsection (b) of this Section shall inform the Department of Corrections and the person notified under paragraph (b) (1) of this Section of the name of the person committed under this Act and the date the person is placed on conditional release, ~~or~~ discharged, or if a detainee or civilly committed sexually violent person escapes, dies, or is subject to any court-ordered change in the custody status of the detainee or sexually violent person. The Department shall

send the notice, postmarked at least 7 days before the date the person committed under this Act is placed on conditional release, ~~or~~ discharged, or if a detainee or civilly committed sexually violent person escapes, dies, or is subject to any court-ordered change in the custody status of the detainee or sexually violent person, unless unusual circumstances do not permit advance written notification, to the Department of Corrections and the last-known address of the person notified under paragraph (b) (1) of this Section.

(d) The Department shall design and prepare cards for persons specified in paragraph (b) (1) of this Section to send to the Department. The cards shall have space for these persons to provide their names and addresses, the name of the person committed under this Act and any other information the Department determines is necessary. The Department shall provide the cards, without charge, to the Attorney General and State's Attorneys. The Attorney General and State's Attorneys shall provide the cards, without charge, to persons specified in paragraph (b) (1) of this Section. These persons may send completed cards to the Department. All records or portions of records of the Department that relate to mailing addresses of these persons are not subject to inspection or copying under Section 3 of the Freedom of Information Act.

(Source: P.A. 90-40, eff. 1-1-98; 90-793, eff. 8-14-98.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.