94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB0245

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

725 ILCS 205/9

from Ch. 38, par. 105-9

Amends the Sexually Dangerous Persons Act. Provides that at the hearing to determine whether a sexually dangerous person or criminal sexual psychopathic person has recovered, the Attorney General or State's Attorney who filed the original application shall represent the State and shall have the right to have the applicant examined by an expert or professional person of the State's choice. Provides that the applicant may retain experts to perform an examination as well. Provides that the sexually dangerous person or the State may elect to have the hearing before a jury. Provides that the State has the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the applicant is still a sexually dangerous person. Provides that if the applicant refuses to speak to, communicate with, or otherwise fails to cooperate with the State's examiner, the applicant may only introduce evidence and testimony from any expert or professional person who is retained to conduct an examination based upon review of the records and may not introduce evidence resulting from an examination of the person. Provides that if a person has previously filed an application in writing setting forth facts showing that the sexually dangerous person or criminal sexual psychopathic person has recovered and the court determined either at a hearing or following a jury trial that the applicant is still a sexually dangerous person, no additional application may be filed for one year after a finding that the person is still sexually dangerous. Makes other changes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY HB0245

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AN ACT concerning sexually dangerous persons.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Sexually Dangerous Persons Act is amended by
changing Section 9 as follows:

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(725 ILCS 205/9) (from Ch. 38, par. 105-9)

Sec. 9. <u>Recovery; examination and hearing.</u>

(a) An application in writing setting forth facts showing 8 such sexually dangerous person or criminal 9 that sexual psychopathic person has recovered may be filed before the 10 committing court. Upon receipt thereof, the clerk of the court 11 shall cause a copy of the application to be sent to the 12 Director of the Department of Corrections. The Director shall 13 14 then cause to be prepared and sent to the court a 15 socio-psychiatric report concerning the applicant. The report shall be prepared by a social worker and psychologist under the 16 17 supervision of a licensed psychiatrist assigned to τ the 18 institution wherein such applicant is confined. The court shall 19 set a date for the hearing upon such application and shall consider the report so prepared under the direction of the 20 21 Director of the Department of Corrections and any other 22 relevant information submitted by or on behalf of such 23 applicant.

(b) At a hearing under this Section, the Attorney General 24 or State's Attorney who filed the original application shall 25 26 represent the State and shall have the right to have the applicant examined by an expert or professional person of the 27 28 State's choice. The applicant may retain experts to perform an examination as well. The sexually dangerous person or the State 29 30 may elect to have the hearing before a jury. The State has the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the 31 32 applicant is still a sexually dangerous person.

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1 (c) If the applicant refuses to speak to, communicate with, 2 or otherwise fails to cooperate with the State's examiner, the applicant may only introduce evidence and testimony from any 3 expert or professional person who is retained to conduct an 4 5 examination based upon review of the records and may not introduce evidence resulting from an examination of the person. 6 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 10 of the Mental 7 Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act, all 8 evaluations conducted under this Act and all Illinois 9 Department of Corrections treatment records shall be 10 11 admissible at all proceedings held under this Act.

12 (d) If a person has previously filed an application in writing setting forth facts showing that the sexually dangerous 13 person or criminal sexual psychopathic person has recovered and 14 the court determined either at a hearing or following a jury 15 16 trial that the applicant is still a sexually dangerous person, 17 no additional application may be filed for one year after a finding that the person is still sexually dangerous. The court 18 shall deny any subsequent application under this Section 19 20 without a hearing unless the application is accompanied by a statement from the Director that the applicant is attending 21 treatment and contains facts upon which a court could find that 22 23 the condition of the person had so changed that a hearing is warranted. If the court finds that a hearing is warranted, the 24 court shall set a hearing within a reasonable time and continue 25 proceedings under subsection (a). 26

27 (e) If the person is found to be no longer dangerous, the 28 court shall order that he be discharged. If the court finds that the person appears no longer to be dangerous but that it 29 30 is impossible to determine with certainty under conditions of 31 institutional care that such person has fully recovered, the 32 court shall enter an order permitting such person to go at large subject to such conditions and such supervision by the 33 34 Director as in the opinion of the court will adequately protect the public. In the event the person violates any of the 35 conditions of such order, the court shall revoke such 36

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1 conditional release and recommit the person pursuant to Section 2 5-6-4 of the Unified Code of Corrections under the terms of the 3 original commitment. Upon an order of discharge every 4 outstanding information and indictment, the basis of which was 5 the reason for the present detention, shall be quashed.

6 (Source: P.A. 92-786, eff. 8-6-02; revised 10-9-03.)