



March 11, 2024

The Honorable Richard Roth
Chairman, Senate Health Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 7510
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1184 (Eggman) Mental health: involuntary treatment: antipsychotic medication – SPONSOR and SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Roth,

The California State Association of Psychiatrists (CSAP), is proud to sponsor and support SB 1184, which will modify WIC 5336 (Reise Hearings) such that the timeframe covered by judicial determination of incapacity to refuse treatment with antipsychotic medication applies to all periods of involuntary detention, not just the specific phase of involuntary detention under which the Reise was filed, thereby minimizing redundant additional Reise hearings and the dangers of clinically contraindicated interruption of medication treatment.

Superior Courts in many Counties enforce “local rules” that limit the Reise to the phase of the involuntary detention, requiring discontinuation of involuntary treatment, and redundant submittal of Reise petition (and hearings) at the conclusion of a 14-day hold for patients that continue to be detained under WIC 5270.15 (30-day hold), and under 5270.55 (second 30-day hold). These local rules may also apply to other involuntary detentions (second 14-day, 180-day, temporary conservatorships).

Medications must be carefully titrated and monitored; stopping or interrupting such medication at arbitrary points during Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) detention, based on local court rules, exposes patients to unjustified clinical risks. This can also prolong the length of stay in inpatient settings. Nothing in SB 1184 would alter the current ability of individuals to petition for the discontinuation of treatment.

For these reasons, CSAP is pleased to sponsor SB 1184 and respectfully urges your aye vote on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yoder', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Paul Yoder
Legislative Advocate

CC: Members, Senate Health Committee
The Honorable Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman