

AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION. THE TERM SHALL NOT INCLUDE MENTAL RETARDATION.

(5) "PEACE OFFICER" MEANS A SHERIFF, STATE POLICE OFFICER, MUNICIPAL OR OTHER LOCAL POLICE OFFICER.

(6) "EMERGENCY ADMITTEE" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS PROPOSED FOR ADMISSION TO AN EMERGENCY FACILITY, OR A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO AN EMERGENCY FACILITY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(B) (1) ANY INTERESTED PERSON WHO HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A PERSON IS MENTALLY DISORDERED AND IS IN CLEAR AND IMMINENT DANGER OF CAUSING GRAVE AND IMMEDIATE PERSONAL INJURY TO HIMSELF OR OTHERS MAY COMPLETE, SIGN, AND FILE A PETITION FOR THE EMERGENCY ADMISSION OF SUCH PERSON WITH A PEACE OFFICER. ANY INTERESTED PERSON WHO SIGNS AND FILES THIS PETITION IS HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE PETITIONER.

(2) THE PETITION SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

(I) THE PETITIONER'S NAME, ADDRESS, AND HOME AND WORK TELEPHONE NUMBERS;

(II) THE NAME AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE EMERGENCY ADMITTEE, AND IF AVAILABLE THE EMERGENCY ADMITTEE'S ADDRESS AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE EMERGENCY ADMITTEE'S SPOUSE, CHILDREN, PARENTS OR RELATIVES, OR ANY PERSON KNOWN TO BE INTERESTED IN THE EMERGENCY ADMITTEE;

(III) A DESCRIPTION OF THE BEHAVIOR AND STATEMENTS OF THE EMERGENCY ADMITTEE WHICH HAVE LED THE PETITIONER TO REACH A REASONABLE PRESUMPTION THAT THE EMERGENCY ADMITTEE IS MENTALLY DISORDERED, INCLUDING WHATEVER BEHAVIOR AND STATEMENTS OF THE EMERGENCY ADMITTEE THAT HAVE LED THE PETITIONER TO CONCLUDE THAT BECAUSE OF THE PRESUMED MENTAL DISORDER, THE EMERGENCY ADMITTEE IS IN CLEAR AND IMMINENT DANGER OF CAUSING GRAVE AND IMMEDIATE PERSONAL HARM TO HIMSELF OR OTHERS, AND ANY OTHER FACTS THAT SUPPORT THE PETITIONER'S CONCLUSION THAT THE EMERGENCY ADMISSION IS APPROPRIATE;

(IV) NOTICE THAT ANY PETITIONER COMPLETING AND SIGNING THE PETITION MAY BE REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY THE EMERGENCY ADMITTEE TO A PHYSICIAN AND THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE MAY REQUIRE THE APPEARANCE OF THE PETITIONER AT THE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY TO WHICH THE EMERGENCY ADMITTEE IS ADMITTED WITHIN 96 HOURS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION, AND THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY SHALL SUBJECT THE PETITIONER TO COURT ORDER COMPELLING HIS APPEARANCE.

(3) THE PEACE OFFICER WITH WHOM THE PETITION IS FILED, UNLESS HE, HIMSELF, IS THE PETITIONER, SHALL EXPLAIN TO EVERY PETITIONER THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE PETITION AND THE MEANING AND CONTENT OF THE PETITION SHALL BE EXPLAINED TO ANY PETITIONER WHO CANNOT READ.