

~~(16) AN ADEQUATE ALLOWANCE OF NEAT, CLEAN, AND SEASONABLE PERSONAL CLOTHING IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE CLOTHING;~~

~~(17) ADAPTIVE DEVICES INCLUDING EYEGLASSES, HEARING AIDS, DENTURES, WALKERS, WHEELCHAIRS, AND COMMUNICATION DEVICES; AND~~

~~(18) FOOD THAT IS NUTRITIOUS AND APPETIZING.~~

~~(B) THE RIGHTS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE LIMITED BY A PRIVILEGE LEVEL SYSTEM USED BY A FACILITY.~~

~~(C) (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY INTERNAL COMPLAINT MECHANISM THE FACILITY HAS, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY FILE A CIVIL COMPLAINT, INCLUDING A REQUEST FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.~~

~~(2) AN ACTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE BROUGHT BY AN INDIVIDUAL, GUARDIAN, OR PERSON ACTING ON BEHALF OF SIMILARLY SITUATED INDIVIDUALS.~~

~~(3) A COMPLAINANT GRANTED INJUNCTIVE RELIEF SHALL BE AWARDED REASONABLE COSTS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.

CHAPTER 173

(House Bill 640)

AN ACT concerning

Mental Hygiene Facilities - Patient Rights

FOR the purpose of altering the requirement that individuals in certain facilities be free from certain restraints and seclusions; establishing that individuals in certain facilities be free from certain physical restraints and holds; ~~establishing certain rights for individuals in certain State operated psychiatric facilities; providing that the rights established in a certain subtitle may not be limited by~~