



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 255

LCO No. 1876



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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
SEN. FASANO, 34th Dist.
SEN. WITKOS, 8th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE AGE OF CONSENT FOR INPATIENT
MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 319i of the general statutes be amended to increase the
- 2 age to eighteen at which a person may consent to inpatient mental
- 3 health treatment.

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the age of consent for inpatient mental health treatment to reflect the evolving understanding of child emotional and decision-making development and to ensure parents are notified of their children's serious mental health issues so that they may be involved in treatment decisions.