



What to Know About California Senate Bill 43

About California Senate Bill (SB) 43

SB 43 expands the adult definition of "grave disability" to include those individuals who are unable to care for their basic needs for health and safety due to a severe substance use disorder, or a co-occurring mental health disorder and a severe substance use disorder.

SB 43 also expands the definition of "basic needs" to include a person's ability to obtain necessary medical care, personal safety, food, clothing, and/or shelter.











Important Implications

Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment

SB 43 allows an individual to be placed on an involuntary psychiatric hold for grave disability due to severe substance use disorder, or a co-occurring mental health disorder and a severe substance use disorder.

Read the Welfare and Institutions Code 5150 by visiting:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/fac es/codes_displaySection.xhtml? lawCode=WICSionNum=5150





Read the Lanterman-Petris-Short

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/fac es/codes_displayexpandedbranch.xh tml?

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Act by visiting:

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County Involvement

Each California county is tasked with creating new policies and procedures to outline how individuals will be assessed for the new definition of grave disability.



Additional Information

Read SB 43 by visiting: https://leginfo.legislatur e.ca.gov/faces/billNavCli ent.xhtml? bill_id=202320240SB43



SB 43 implementation dates range from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2026, dependent on County. Sacramento County Board of Supervisors have voted to implement SB 43 January 1, 2025.

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