

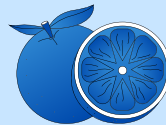


# What to Know About California Senate Bill 43

## About California Senate Bill (SB) 43

SB 43 expands the 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, weather appropriate 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/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=WIC&sectionNum=5150](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=WIC&sectionNum=5150)



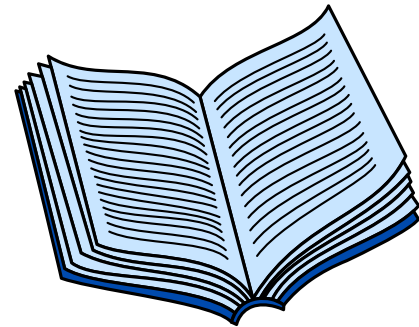
#### Read the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act by visiting:

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displayexpandedbranch.xhtml?tocCode=WIC&division=5.&title=&part=1.&chapter=&article=](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayexpandedbranch.xhtml?tocCode=WIC&division=5.&title=&part=1.&chapter=&article=)



### 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.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240SB43](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.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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