

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the insanity defense.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Article 46.03, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
5 repealed.

6 SECTION 2. Title 1, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended
7 by adding Chapter 46C to read as follows:

8 CHAPTER 46C. INSANITY DEFENSE

9 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

10 Art. 46C.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

11 (1) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of state
12 health services.

13 (2) "Department" means the Department of State Health
14 Services.

15 (3) "Mental illness" has the meaning assigned by
16 Section 571.003, Health and Safety Code.

17 (4) "Mental retardation" has the meaning assigned by
18 Section 591.003, Health and Safety Code.

19 (5) "Residential care facility" has the meaning
20 assigned by Section 591.003, Health and Safety Code.

21 Art. 46C.002. MAXIMUM PERIOD OF COMMITMENT DETERMINED BY
22 MAXIMUM TERM FOR OFFENSE. (a) A person acquitted by reason of
23 insanity may not be committed to a mental hospital or other
24 inpatient or residential care facility or ordered to receive

1 outpatient or community-based treatment and supervision under
2 Subchapter F for a cumulative period that exceeds the maximum term
3 provided by law for the offense for which the acquitted person was
4 tried.

5 (b) On expiration of that maximum term, the acquitted person
6 may be further confined in a mental hospital or other inpatient or
7 residential care facility or ordered to receive outpatient or
8 community-based treatment and supervision only under civil
9 commitment proceedings.

10 [Articles 46C.003-46C.050 reserved for expansion]

11 SUBCHAPTER B. RAISING THE INSANITY DEFENSE

12 Art. 46C.051. NOTICE OF INTENT TO RAISE INSANITY DEFENSE.

13 (a) A defendant planning to offer evidence of the insanity defense
14 must file with the court a notice of the defendant's intention to
15 offer that evidence.

16 (b) The notice must:

17 (1) contain a certification that a copy of the notice
18 has been served on the attorney representing the state; and

19 (2) be filed at least 20 days before the date the case
20 is set for trial, except as described by Subsection (c).

21 (c) If before the 20-day period the court sets a pretrial
22 hearing, the defendant shall give notice at the hearing.

23 Art. 46C.052. EFFECT OF FAILURE TO GIVE NOTICE. Unless
24 notice is timely filed under Article 46C.051, evidence on the
25 insanity defense is not admissible unless the court finds that good
26 cause exists for failure to give notice.

27 [Articles 46C.053-46C.100 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER C. COURT-ORDERED EXAMINATION AND REPORT

Art. 46C.101. APPOINTMENT OF EXPERTS. (a) If notice of intention to raise the insanity defense is filed under Article 46C.051, the court may, on its own motion or motion by the defendant, the defendant's counsel, or the attorney representing the state, appoint one or more disinterested experts to:

(1) examine the defendant with regard to the insanity defense; and

(2) testify as to the issue of insanity at any trial or hearing involving that issue.

(b) The court shall advise an expert appointed under this article of the facts and circumstances of the offense with which the defendant is charged and the elements of the insanity defense.

Art. 46C.102. EXPERTS: QUALIFICATIONS. (a) The court may appoint qualified psychiatrists or psychologists as experts under this chapter. To qualify for appointment under this subchapter as an expert, a psychiatrist or psychologist must:

(1) as appropriate, be a physician licensed in this state or be a psychologist licensed in this state who has a doctoral degree in psychology; and

(2) have the following certification or experience or training:

(A) as appropriate, certification by:

(i) the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology with added or special qualifications in forensic psychiatry; or

(ii) the American Board of Professional

1 Psychology in forensic psychology; or

2 (B) experience or training consisting of:

3 (i) at least 24 hours of specialized
4 forensic training relating to incompetency or insanity
5 evaluations;

6 (ii) at least five years of experience in
7 performing criminal forensic evaluations for courts; and

8 (iii) eight or more hours of continuing
9 education relating to forensic evaluations, completed in the 12
10 months preceding the appointment and documented with the court.

11 (b) In addition to meeting qualifications required by
12 Subsection (a), to be appointed as an expert a psychiatrist or
13 psychologist must have completed six hours of required continuing
14 education in courses in forensic psychiatry or psychology, as
15 appropriate, in the 24 months preceding the appointment.

16 (c) A court may appoint as an expert a psychiatrist or
17 psychologist who does not meet the requirements of Subsections (a)
18 and (b) only if exigent circumstances require the court to base the
19 appointment on professional training or experience of the expert
20 that directly provides the expert with a specialized expertise to
21 examine the defendant that would not ordinarily be possessed by a
22 psychiatrist or psychologist who meets the requirements of
23 Subsections (a) and (b).

24 Art. 46C.103. COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL: CONCURRENT
25 APPOINTMENT. (a) An expert appointed under this subchapter to
26 examine the defendant with regard to the insanity defense also may
27 be appointed by the court to examine the defendant with regard to

1 the defendant's competency to stand trial under Chapter 46B, if the
2 expert files with the court separate written reports concerning the
3 defendant's competency to stand trial and the insanity defense.

4 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), an expert may not
5 examine the defendant for purposes of determining the defendant's
6 sanity and may not file a report regarding the defendant's sanity if
7 in the opinion of the expert the defendant is incompetent to
8 proceed.

9 Art. 46C.104. ORDER COMPELLING DEFENDANT TO SUBMIT TO
10 EXAMINATION. (a) For the purposes described by this chapter, the
11 court may order any defendant to submit to examination, including a
12 defendant who is free on bail. If the defendant fails or refuses to
13 submit to examination, the court may order the defendant to custody
14 for examination for a reasonable period not to exceed 21 days.
15 Custody ordered by the court under this subsection may include
16 custody at a facility operated by the department.

17 (b) If a defendant who has been ordered to a facility
18 operated by the department for examination remains in the facility
19 for a period that exceeds 21 days, the head of that facility shall
20 cause the defendant to be immediately transported to the committing
21 court and placed in the custody of the sheriff of the county in
22 which the committing court is located. That county shall reimburse
23 the facility for the mileage and per diem expenses of the personnel
24 required to transport the defendant, calculated in accordance with
25 the state travel rules in effect at that time.

26 (c) The court may not order a defendant to a facility
27 operated by the department for examination without the consent of

1 the head of that facility.

2 Art. 46C.105. REPORTS SUBMITTED BY EXPERTS. (a) A written
3 report of the examination shall be submitted to the court not later
4 than the 30th day after the date of the order of examination. The
5 court shall provide copies of the report to the defense counsel and
6 the attorney representing the state.

7 (b) The report must include a description of the procedures
8 used in the examination and the examiner's observations and
9 findings pertaining to the insanity defense.

10 (c) The examiner shall submit a separate report stating the
11 examiner's observations and findings concerning:

12 (1) whether the defendant is presently a person with a
13 mental illness and requires court-ordered mental health services
14 under Subtitle C, Title 7, Health and Safety Code; or

15 (2) whether the defendant is presently a person with
16 mental retardation.

17 Art. 46C.106. COMPENSATION OF EXPERTS. (a) The appointed
18 experts shall be paid by the county in which the indictment was
19 returned or information was filed.

20 (b) The county in which the indictment was returned or
21 information was filed shall reimburse a facility operated by the
22 department that accepts a defendant for examination under this
23 subchapter for expenses incurred that are determined by the
24 department to be reasonably necessary and incidental to the proper
25 examination of the defendant.

26 Art. 46C.107. EXAMINATION BY EXPERT OF DEFENDANT'S CHOICE.
27 If a defendant wishes to be examined by an expert of the defendant's

1 own choice, the court on timely request shall provide the examiner
2 with reasonable opportunity to examine the defendant.

3 [Articles 46C.108-46C.150 reserved for expansion]

4 SUBCHAPTER D. DETERMINATION OF ISSUE OF DEFENDANT'S SANITY

5 Art. 46C.151. DETERMINATION OF SANITY ISSUE BY JURY.

6 (a) In a case tried to a jury, the issue of the defendant's sanity
7 shall be submitted to the jury only if the issue is supported by
8 competent evidence. The jury shall determine the issue.

9 (b) If the issue of the defendant's sanity is submitted to
10 the jury, the jury shall determine and specify in the verdict
11 whether the defendant is guilty, not guilty, or not guilty by reason
12 of insanity.

13 Art. 46C.152. DETERMINATION OF SANITY ISSUE BY JUDGE.

14 (a) If a jury trial is waived and if the issue is supported by
15 competent evidence, the judge as trier of fact shall determine the
16 issue of the defendant's sanity.

17 (b) The parties may, with the consent of the judge, agree to
18 have the judge determine the issue of the defendant's sanity on the
19 basis of introduced or stipulated competent evidence, or both.

20 (c) If the judge determines the issue of the defendant's
21 sanity, the judge shall enter a finding of guilty, not guilty, or
22 not guilty by reason of insanity.

23 Art. 46C.153. GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO DETERMINATION
24 OF SANITY ISSUE BY JUDGE OR JURY. (a) The judge or jury shall
25 determine that a defendant is not guilty by reason of insanity if:

26 (1) the prosecution has established beyond a
27 reasonable doubt that the alleged conduct constituting the offense

1 was committed; and

2 (2) the defense has established by a preponderance of
3 the evidence that the defendant was insane at the time of the
4 alleged conduct.

5 (b) The parties may, with the consent of the judge, agree to
6 both:

7 (1) dismissal of the indictment or information on the
8 ground that the defendant was insane; and

9 (2) entry of a judgment of dismissal due to the
10 defendant's insanity.

11 (c) An entry of judgment under Subsection (b)(2) has the
12 same effect as a judgment stating that the defendant has been found
13 not guilty by reason of insanity.

14 Art. 46C.154. INFORMING JURY REGARDING CONSEQUENCES OF
15 ACQUITTAL. The court, the attorney representing the state, or the
16 attorney for the defendant may not inform a juror or a prospective
17 juror of the consequences to the defendant if a verdict of not
18 guilty by reason of insanity is returned.

19 Art. 46C.155. FINDING OF NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY
20 CONSIDERED ACQUITTAL. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a
21 defendant who is found not guilty by reason of insanity stands
22 acquitted of the offense charged and may not be considered a person
23 charged with an offense.

24 (b) A defendant who is found not guilty by reason of
25 insanity is not considered to be acquitted for purposes of Chapter
26 55.

27 Art. 46C.156. JUDGMENT. (a) In each case in which the

1 insanity defense is raised, the judgment must reflect whether the
2 defendant was found guilty, not guilty, or not guilty by reason of
3 insanity.

4 (b) If the defendant was found not guilty by reason of
5 insanity, the judgment must specify the offense of which the
6 defendant was found not guilty.

7 (c) If the defendant was found not guilty by reason of
8 insanity, the judgment must reflect the finding made under Article
9 46C.157.

10 Art. 46C.157. DETERMINATION REGARDING DANGEROUS CONDUCT OF
11 ACQUITTED PERSON. If a defendant is found not guilty by reason of
12 insanity, the court immediately shall determine whether the offense
13 of which the person was acquitted involved conduct that:

14 (1) caused serious bodily injury to another person;

15 (2) placed another person in imminent danger of
16 serious bodily injury; or

17 (3) consisted of a threat of serious bodily injury to
18 another person through the use of a deadly weapon.

19 Art. 46C.158. CONTINUING JURISDICTION OF DANGEROUS
20 ACQUITTED PERSON. If the court finds that the offense of which the
21 person was acquitted involved conduct that caused serious bodily
22 injury to another person, placed another person in imminent danger
23 of serious bodily injury, or consisted of a threat of serious bodily
24 injury to another person through the use of a deadly weapon, the
25 court retains jurisdiction over the acquitted person until either:

26 (1) the court discharges the person and terminates its
27 jurisdiction under Article 46C.268; or

1 (2) the cumulative total period of
2 institutionalization and outpatient or community-based treatment
3 and supervision under the court's jurisdiction equals the maximum
4 term provided by law for the offense of which the person was
5 acquitted by reason of insanity and the court's jurisdiction is
6 automatically terminated under Article 46C.269.

7 Art. 46C.159. PROCEEDINGS REGARDING NONDANGEROUS ACQUITTED
8 PERSON. If the court finds that the offense of which the person was
9 acquitted did not involve conduct that caused serious bodily injury
10 to another person, placed another person in imminent danger of
11 serious bodily injury, or consisted of a threat of serious bodily
12 injury to another person through the use of a deadly weapon, the
13 court shall proceed under Subchapter E.

14 Art. 46C.160. DETENTION PENDING FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.
15 (a) On a determination by the judge or jury that the defendant is
16 not guilty by reason of insanity, pending further proceedings under
17 this chapter, the court may order the defendant detained in jail or
18 any other suitable place for a period not to exceed 14 days.

19 (b) The court may order a defendant detained in a facility
20 of the department or a facility of the Department of Aging and
21 Disability Services under this article only with the consent of the
22 head of the facility.

23 [Articles 46C.161-46C.200 reserved for expansion]

24 SUBCHAPTER E. DISPOSITION FOLLOWING ACQUITTAL BY REASON OF
25 INSANITY: NO FINDING OF DANGEROUS CONDUCT

26 Art. 46C.201. DISPOSITION: NONDANGEROUS CONDUCT. (a) If
27 the court determines that the offense of which the person was

1 acquitted did not involve conduct that caused serious bodily injury
2 to another person, placed another person in imminent danger of
3 serious bodily injury, or consisted of a threat of serious bodily
4 injury to another person through the use of a deadly weapon, the
5 court shall determine whether there is evidence to support a
6 finding that the person is a person with a mental illness or with
7 mental retardation.

8 (b) If the court determines that there is evidence to
9 support a finding of mental illness or mental retardation, the
10 court shall enter an order transferring the person to the
11 appropriate court for civil commitment proceedings to determine
12 whether the person should receive court-ordered mental health
13 services under Subtitle C, Title 7, Health and Safety Code, or be
14 committed to a residential care facility to receive mental
15 retardation services under Subtitle D, Title 7, Health and Safety
16 Code. The court may also order the person:

17 (1) detained in jail or any other suitable place
18 pending the prompt initiation and prosecution of appropriate civil
19 proceedings by the attorney representing the state or other person
20 designated by the court; or

21 (2) placed in the care of a responsible person on
22 satisfactory security being given for the acquitted person's proper
23 care and protection.

24 Art. 46C.202. DETENTION OR RELEASE. (a) Notwithstanding
25 Article 46C.201(b), a person placed in a department facility or a
26 facility of the Department of Aging and Disability Services pending
27 civil hearing as described by that subsection may be detained only

1 with the consent of the head of the facility and under an Order of
2 Protective Custody issued under Subtitle C or D, Title 7, Health and
3 Safety Code.

4 (b) If the court does not detain or place the person under
5 Article 46C.201(b), the court shall release the person.

6 [Articles 46C.203-46C.250 reserved for expansion]

7 SUBCHAPTER F. DISPOSITION FOLLOWING ACQUITTAL BY

8 REASON OF INSANITY: FINDING OF DANGEROUS CONDUCT

9 Art. 46C.251. COMMITMENT FOR EVALUATION AND TREATMENT;
10 REPORT. (a) The court shall order the acquitted person to be
11 committed for evaluation of the person's present mental condition
12 and for treatment to the maximum security unit of any facility
13 designated by the department. The period of commitment under this
14 article may not exceed 30 days.

15 (b) The court shall order that:

16 (1) a transcript of all medical testimony received in
17 the criminal proceeding be prepared as soon as possible by the court
18 reporter and the transcript be forwarded to the facility to which
19 the acquitted person is committed; and

20 (2) the following information be forwarded to the
21 facility and, as applicable, to the department or the Department of
22 Aging and Disability Services:

23 (A) the complete name, race, and gender of the
24 person;

25 (B) any known identifying number of the person,
26 including social security number, driver's license number, or state
27 identification number;

1 (C) the person's date of birth; and

2 (D) the offense of which the person was found not
3 guilty by reason of insanity and a statement of the facts and
4 circumstances surrounding the alleged offense.

5 (c) The court shall order that a report be filed with the
6 court under Article 46C.252.

7 (d) To determine the proper disposition of the acquitted
8 person, the court shall hold a hearing on disposition not later than
9 the 30th day after the date of acquittal.

10 Art. 46C.252. REPORT AFTER EVALUATION. (a) The report
11 ordered under Article 46C.251 must be filed with the court as soon
12 as practicable before the hearing on disposition but not later than
13 the fourth day before that hearing.

14 (b) The report in general terms must describe and explain
15 the procedure, techniques, and tests used in the examination of the
16 person.

17 (c) The report must address:

18 (1) whether the acquitted person has a mental illness
19 or mental retardation and, if so, whether the mental illness or
20 mental retardation is severe;

21 (2) whether as a result of any severe mental illness or
22 mental retardation the acquitted person is likely to cause serious
23 harm to another;

24 (3) whether as a result of any impairment the
25 acquitted person is subject to commitment under Subtitle C or D,
26 Title 7, Health and Safety Code;

27 (4) prospective treatment and supervision options, if

1 any, appropriate for the acquitted person; and

2 (5) whether any required treatment and supervision can
3 be safely and effectively provided as outpatient or community-based
4 treatment and supervision.

5 Art. 46C.253. HEARING ON DISPOSITION. (a) The hearing on
6 disposition shall be conducted in the same manner as a hearing on an
7 application for involuntary commitment under Subtitle C or D, Title
8 7, Health and Safety Code, except that the use of a jury is governed
9 by Article 46C.255.

10 (b) At the hearing, the court shall address:

11 (1) whether the person acquitted by reason of insanity
12 has a severe mental illness or mental retardation;

13 (2) whether as a result of any mental illness or mental
14 retardation the person is likely to cause serious harm to another;
15 and

16 (3) whether appropriate treatment and supervision for
17 any mental illness or mental retardation rendering the person
18 dangerous to another can be safely and effectively provided as
19 outpatient or community-based treatment and supervision.

20 (c) The court shall order the acquitted person committed for
21 inpatient treatment or residential care under Article 46C.256 if
22 the grounds required for that order are established.

23 (d) The court shall order the acquitted person to receive
24 outpatient or community-based treatment and supervision under
25 Article 46C.257 if the grounds required for that order are
26 established.

27 (e) The court shall order the acquitted person transferred

1 to an appropriate court for proceedings under Subtitle C or D, Title
2 7, Health and Safety Code, if the state fails to establish the
3 grounds required for an order under Article 46C.256 or 46C.257 but
4 the evidence provides a reasonable basis for believing the
5 acquitted person is a proper subject for those proceedings.

6 (f) The court shall order the acquitted person discharged
7 and immediately released if the evidence fails to establish that
8 disposition under Subsection (c), (d), or (e) is appropriate.

9 Art. 46C.254. EFFECT OF STABILIZATION ON TREATMENT REGIMEN.

10 If an acquitted person is stabilized on a treatment regimen,
11 including medication and other treatment modalities, rendering the
12 person no longer likely to cause serious harm to another, inpatient
13 treatment or residential care may be found necessary to protect the
14 safety of others only if:

15 (1) the person would become likely to cause serious
16 harm to another if the person fails to follow the treatment regimen
17 on an Order to Receive Outpatient or Community-Based Treatment and
18 Supervision; and

19 (2) under an Order to Receive Outpatient or
20 Community-Based Treatment and Supervision either:

21 (A) the person is likely to fail to comply with an
22 available regimen of outpatient or community-based treatment, as
23 determined by the person's insight into the need for medication,
24 the number, severity, and controllability of side effects, the
25 availability of support and treatment programs for the person from
26 community members, and other appropriate considerations; or

27 (B) a regimen of outpatient or community-based

1 treatment will not be available to the person.

2 Art. 46C.255. TRIAL BY JURY. (a) The following
3 proceedings under this chapter must be before the court, and the
4 underlying matter determined by the court, unless the acquitted
5 person or the state requests a jury trial or the court on its own
6 motion sets the matter for jury trial:

7 (1) a hearing under Article 46C.253;

8 (2) a proceeding for renewal of an order under Article
9 46C.261;

10 (3) a proceeding on a request for modification or
11 revocation of an order under Article 46C.266; and

12 (4) a proceeding seeking discharge of an acquitted
13 person under Article 46C.268.

14 (b) The following proceedings may not be held before a jury:

15 (1) a proceeding to determine outpatient or
16 community-based treatment and supervision under Article 46C.262;
17 or

18 (2) a proceeding to determine modification or
19 revocation of outpatient or community-based treatment and
20 supervision under Article 46C.267.

21 (c) If a hearing is held before a jury and the jury
22 determines that the person has a mental illness or mental
23 retardation and is likely to cause serious harm to another, the
24 court shall determine whether inpatient treatment or residential
25 care is necessary to protect the safety of others.

26 Art. 46C.256. ORDER OF COMMITMENT TO INPATIENT TREATMENT OR
27 RESIDENTIAL CARE. (a) The court shall order the acquitted person

1 committed to a mental hospital or other appropriate facility for
2 inpatient treatment or residential care if the state establishes by
3 clear and convincing evidence that:

4 (1) the person has a severe mental illness or mental
5 retardation;

6 (2) the person, as a result of that mental illness or
7 mental retardation, is likely to cause serious bodily injury to
8 another if the person is not provided with treatment and
9 supervision; and

10 (3) inpatient treatment or residential care is
11 necessary to protect the safety of others.

12 (b) In determining whether inpatient treatment or
13 residential care has been proved necessary, the court shall
14 consider whether the evidence shows both that:

15 (1) an adequate regimen of outpatient or
16 community-based treatment will be available to the person; and

17 (2) the person will follow that regimen.

18 (c) The order of commitment to inpatient treatment or
19 residential care expires on the 181st day following the date the
20 order is issued but is subject to renewal as provided by Article
21 46C.261.

22 Art. 46C.257. ORDER TO RECEIVE OUTPATIENT OR
23 COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT AND SUPERVISION. (a) The court shall
24 order the acquitted person to receive outpatient or community-based
25 treatment and supervision if:

26 (1) the state establishes by clear and convincing
27 evidence that the person:

1 (A) has a severe mental illness or mental
2 retardation; and

3 (B) as a result of that mental illness or mental
4 retardation is likely to cause serious bodily injury to another if
5 the person is not provided with treatment and supervision; and

6 (2) the state fails to establish by clear and
7 convincing evidence that inpatient treatment or residential care is
8 necessary to protect the safety of others.

9 (b) The order of commitment to outpatient or
10 community-based treatment and supervision expires on the first
11 anniversary of the date the order is issued but is subject to
12 renewal as provided by Article 46C.261.

13 Art. 46C.258. RESPONSIBILITY OF INPATIENT OR RESIDENTIAL
14 CARE FACILITY. (a) The head of the facility to which an acquitted
15 person is committed has, during the commitment period, a continuing
16 responsibility to determine:

17 (1) whether the acquitted person continues to have a
18 severe mental illness or mental retardation and is likely to cause
19 serious harm to another because of any severe mental illness or
20 mental retardation; and

21 (2) if so, whether treatment and supervision cannot be
22 safely and effectively provided as outpatient or community-based
23 treatment and supervision.

24 (b) The head of the facility must notify the committing
25 court and seek modification of the order of commitment if the head
26 of the facility determines that an acquitted person no longer has a
27 severe mental illness or mental retardation, is no longer likely to

1 cause serious harm to another, or that treatment and supervision
2 can be safely and effectively provided as outpatient or
3 community-based treatment and supervision.

4 (c) Not later than the 60th day before the date of
5 expiration of the order, the head of the facility shall transmit to
6 the committing court a psychological evaluation of the acquitted
7 person, a certificate of medical examination of the person, and any
8 recommendation for further treatment of the person. The committing
9 court shall make the documents available to the attorneys
10 representing the state and the acquitted person.

11 Art. 46C.259. STATUS OF COMMITTED PERSON. If an acquitted
12 person is committed under this subchapter, the person's status as a
13 patient or resident is governed by Subtitle C or D, Title 7, Health
14 and Safety Code, except that:

15 (1) transfer to a nonsecure unit is governed by
16 Article 46C.260;

17 (2) modification of the order to direct outpatient or
18 community-based treatment and supervision is governed by Article
19 46C.262; and

20 (3) discharge is governed by Article 46C.268.

21 Art. 46C.260. TRANSFER OF COMMITTED PERSON TO NONSECURE
22 FACILITY. (a) A person committed to a facility under this
23 subchapter shall be committed to the maximum security unit of any
24 facility designated by the department.

25 (b) A person committed under this subchapter shall be
26 transferred to the maximum security unit immediately on the entry
27 of the order of commitment.

1 (c) Unless the person is determined to be manifestly
2 dangerous by a review board within the department, not later than
3 the 60th day following the date of the person's arrival at the
4 maximum security unit the person shall be transferred to a
5 nonsecure unit of a facility designated by the department or the
6 Department of Aging and Disability Services, as appropriate.

7 (d) The commissioner shall appoint a review board of five
8 members, including one psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine
9 in this state and two persons who work directly with persons with
10 mental illnesses or with mental retardation, to determine whether
11 the person is manifestly dangerous and, as a result of the danger
12 the person presents, requires continued placement in a maximum
13 security unit.

14 (e) If the head of the facility at which the maximum
15 security unit is located disagrees with the determination, then the
16 matter shall be referred to the commissioner. The commissioner
17 shall decide whether the person is manifestly dangerous.

18 Art. 46C.261. RENEWAL OF ORDERS FOR INPATIENT COMMITMENT OR
19 OUTPATIENT OR COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT AND SUPERVISION. (a) A
20 court that orders an acquitted person committed to inpatient
21 treatment or orders outpatient or community-based treatment and
22 supervision annually shall determine whether to renew the order.

23 (b) Not later than the 30th day before the date an order is
24 scheduled to expire, the institution to which a person is
25 committed, the person responsible for providing outpatient or
26 community-based treatment and supervision, or the attorney
27 representing the state may file a request that the order be renewed.

1 The request must explain in detail the reasons why the person
2 requests renewal under this article. A request to renew an order
3 committing the person to inpatient treatment must also explain in
4 detail why outpatient or community-based treatment and supervision
5 is not appropriate.

6 (c) The request for renewal must be accompanied by a
7 certificate of medical examination for mental illness signed by a
8 physician who examined the person during the 30-day period
9 preceding the date on which the request is filed.

10 (d) On the filing of a request for renewal under this
11 article, the court shall:

12 (1) set the matter for a hearing; and

13 (2) appoint an attorney to represent the person.

14 (e) The court shall act on the request for renewal before
15 the order expires.

16 (f) If a hearing is held, the person may be transferred from
17 the facility to which the acquitted person was committed to a jail
18 for purposes of participating in the hearing only if necessary but
19 not earlier than 72 hours before the hearing begins. If the order
20 is renewed, the person shall be transferred back to the facility
21 immediately on renewal of the order.

22 (g) If no objection is made, the court may admit into
23 evidence the certificate of medical examination for mental illness.
24 Admitted certificates constitute competent medical or psychiatric
25 testimony, and the court may make its findings solely from the
26 certificate and the detailed request for renewal.

27 (h) A court shall renew the order only if the court finds

1 that the party who requested the renewal has established by clear
2 and convincing evidence that continued mandatory supervision and
3 treatment are appropriate. A renewed order authorizes continued
4 inpatient commitment or outpatient or community-based treatment
5 and supervision for not more than one year.

6 (i) The court, on application for renewal of an order for
7 inpatient or residential care services, may modify the order to
8 provide for outpatient or community-based treatment and
9 supervision if the court finds the acquitted person has established
10 by a preponderance of the evidence that treatment and supervision
11 can be safely and effectively provided as outpatient or
12 community-based treatment and supervision.

13 Art. 46C.262. COURT-ORDERED OUTPATIENT OR COMMUNITY-BASED
14 TREATMENT AND SUPERVISION AFTER INPATIENT COMMITMENT. (a) An
15 acquitted person, the head of the facility to which the acquitted
16 person is committed, or the attorney representing the state may
17 request that the court modify an order for inpatient treatment or
18 residential care to order outpatient or community-based treatment
19 and supervision.

20 (b) The court shall hold a hearing on a request made by the
21 head of the facility to which the acquitted person is committed. A
22 hearing under this subsection must be held not later than the 14th
23 day after the date of the request.

24 (c) If a request is made by an acquitted person or the
25 attorney representing the state, the court must act on the request
26 not later than the 14th day after the date of the request. A hearing
27 under this subsection is at the discretion of the court, except that

1 the court shall hold a hearing if the request and any accompanying
2 material provide a basis for believing modification of the order
3 may be appropriate.

4 (d) If a request is made by an acquitted person not later
5 than the 90th day after the date of a hearing on a previous request,
6 the court is not required to act on the request except on the
7 expiration of the order or on the expiration of the 90-day period
8 following the date of the hearing on the previous request.

9 (e) The court shall rule on the request during or as soon as
10 practicable after any hearing on the request but not later than the
11 14th day after the date of the request.

12 (f) The court shall modify the commitment order to direct
13 outpatient or community-based treatment and supervision if at the
14 hearing the acquitted person establishes by a preponderance of the
15 evidence that treatment and supervision can be safely and
16 effectively provided as outpatient or community-based treatment
17 and supervision.

18 Art. 46C.263. COURT-ORDERED OUTPATIENT OR COMMUNITY-BASED
19 TREATMENT AND SUPERVISION. (a) The court may order an acquitted
20 person to participate in an outpatient or community-based regimen
21 of treatment and supervision:

22 (1) as an initial matter under Article 46C.253;

23 (2) on renewal of an order of commitment under Article
24 46C.261; or

25 (3) after a period of inpatient treatment or
26 residential care under Article 46C.262.

27 (b) An acquitted person may be ordered to participate in an

1 outpatient or community-based regimen of treatment and supervision
2 only if:

3 (1) the court receives and approves an outpatient or
4 community-based treatment plan that comprehensively provides for
5 the outpatient or community-based treatment and supervision; and

6 (2) the court finds that the outpatient or
7 community-based treatment and supervision provided for by the plan
8 will be available to and provided to the acquitted person.

9 (c) The order may require the person to participate in a
10 prescribed regimen of medical, psychiatric, or psychological care
11 or treatment, and the regimen may include treatment with
12 psychoactive medication.

13 (d) The court may order that supervision of the acquitted
14 person be provided by the appropriate community supervision and
15 corrections department or the facility administrator of a community
16 center that provides mental health or mental retardation services.

17 (e) The court may order the acquitted person to participate
18 in a supervision program funded by the Texas Correctional Office on
19 Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments.

20 (f) An order under this article must identify the person
21 responsible for administering an ordered regimen of outpatient or
22 community-based treatment and supervision.

23 (g) In determining whether an acquitted person should be
24 ordered to receive outpatient or community-based treatment and
25 supervision rather than inpatient care or residential treatment,
26 the court shall have as its primary concern the protection of
27 society.

1 Art. 46C.264. LOCATION OF COURT-ORDERED OUTPATIENT OR
2 COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT AND SUPERVISION. (a) The court may
3 order the outpatient or community-based treatment and supervision
4 to be provided in any appropriate county where the necessary
5 resources are available.

6 (b) This article does not supersede any requirement under
7 the other provisions of this subchapter to obtain the consent of a
8 treatment and supervision provider to administer the court-ordered
9 outpatient or community-based treatment and supervision.

10 Art. 46C.265. SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUTPATIENT OR
11 COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT AND SUPERVISION. (a) The person
12 responsible for administering a regimen of outpatient or
13 community-based treatment and supervision shall:

- 14 (1) monitor the condition of the acquitted person; and
15 (2) determine whether the acquitted person is
16 complying with the regimen of treatment and supervision.

17 (b) The person responsible for administering a regimen of
18 outpatient or community-based treatment and supervision shall
19 notify the court ordering that treatment and supervision and the
20 attorney representing the state if the person:

- 21 (1) fails to comply with the regimen; and
22 (2) becomes likely to cause serious harm to another.

23 Art. 46C.266. MODIFICATION OR REVOCATION OF ORDER FOR
24 OUTPATIENT OR COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT AND SUPERVISION. (a) The
25 court, on its own motion or the motion of any interested person and
26 after notice to the acquitted person and a hearing, may modify or
27 revoke court-ordered outpatient or community-based treatment and

1 supervision.

2 (b) At the hearing, the court without a jury shall determine
3 whether the state has established clear and convincing evidence
4 that:

5 (1) the acquitted person failed to comply with the
6 regimen in a manner or under circumstances indicating the person
7 will become likely to cause serious harm to another if the person is
8 provided continued outpatient or community-based treatment and
9 supervision; or

10 (2) the acquitted person has become likely to cause
11 serious harm to another if provided continued outpatient or
12 community-based treatment and supervision.

13 (c) On a determination under Subsection (b), the court may
14 take any appropriate action, including:

15 (1) revoking court-ordered outpatient or
16 community-based treatment and supervision and ordering the person
17 committed for inpatient or residential care; or

18 (2) imposing additional or more stringent terms on
19 continued outpatient or community-based treatment.

20 (d) An acquitted person who is the subject of a proceeding
21 under this article is entitled to representation by counsel in the
22 proceeding.

23 (e) The court shall set a date for a hearing under this
24 article that is not later than the seventh day after the applicable
25 motion was filed. The court may grant one or more continuances of
26 the hearing on the motion of a party or of the court and for good
27 cause shown.

1 Art. 46C.267. DETENTION PENDING PROCEEDINGS TO MODIFY OR
2 REVOKE ORDER FOR OUTPATIENT OR COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT AND
3 SUPERVISION. (a) The state or the head of the facility or other
4 person responsible for administering a regimen of outpatient or
5 community-based treatment and supervision may file a sworn
6 application with the court for the detention of an acquitted person
7 receiving court-ordered outpatient or community-based treatment
8 and supervision. The application must state that the person meets
9 the criteria of Article 46C.266 and provide a detailed explanation
10 of that statement.

11 (b) If the court determines that the application
12 establishes probable cause to believe the order for outpatient or
13 community-based treatment and supervision should be revoked, the
14 court shall issue an order to an on-duty peace officer authorizing
15 the acquitted person to be taken into custody and brought before the
16 court.

17 (c) An acquitted person taken into custody under an order of
18 detention shall be brought before the court without unnecessary
19 delay.

20 (d) When an acquitted person is brought before the court,
21 the court shall determine whether there is probable cause to
22 believe that the order for outpatient or community-based treatment
23 and supervision should be revoked. On a finding that probable cause
24 for revocation exists, the court shall order the person held in
25 protective custody pending a determination of whether the order
26 should be revoked.

27 (e) An acquitted person may be detained under an order for

1 protective custody for a period not to exceed 72 hours, excluding
2 Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays, and the period prescribed by
3 Section 574.025(b), Health and Safety Code, for an extreme
4 emergency.

5 (f) This subchapter does not affect the power of a peace
6 officer to take an acquitted person into custody under Section
7 573.001, Health and Safety Code.

8 Art. 46C.268. ADVANCE DISCHARGE OF ACQUITTED PERSON AND
9 TERMINATION OF JURISDICTION. (a) An acquitted person, the head of
10 the facility to which the acquitted person is committed, the person
11 responsible for providing the outpatient or community-based
12 treatment and supervision, or the state may request that the court
13 discharge an acquitted person from inpatient commitment or
14 outpatient or community-based treatment and supervision.

15 (b) Not later than the 14th day after the date of the
16 request, the court shall hold a hearing on a request made by the
17 head of the facility to which the acquitted person is committed or
18 the person responsible for providing the outpatient or
19 community-based treatment and supervision.

20 (c) If a request is made by an acquitted person, the court
21 must act on the request not later than the 14th day after the date of
22 the request. A hearing under this subsection is at the discretion
23 of the court, except that the court shall hold a hearing if the
24 request and any accompanying material indicate that modification of
25 the order may be appropriate.

26 (d) If a request is made by an acquitted person not later
27 than the 90th day after the date of a hearing on a previous request,

1 the court is not required to act on the request except on the
2 expiration of the order or on the expiration of the 90-day period
3 following the date of the hearing on the previous request.

4 (e) The court shall rule on the request during or shortly
5 after any hearing that is held and in any case not later than the
6 14th day after the date of the request.

7 (f) The court shall discharge the acquitted person from all
8 court-ordered commitment and treatment and supervision and
9 terminate the court's jurisdiction over the person if the court
10 finds that the acquitted person has established by a preponderance
11 of the evidence that:

12 (1) the acquitted person does not have a severe mental
13 illness or mental retardation; or

14 (2) the acquitted person is not likely to cause
15 serious harm to another because of any severe mental illness or
16 mental retardation.

17 Art. 46C.269. TERMINATION OF COURT'S JURISDICTION.

18 (a) The jurisdiction of the court over a person covered by this
19 subchapter automatically terminates on the date when the cumulative
20 total period of institutionalization and outpatient or
21 community-based treatment and supervision imposed under this
22 subchapter equals the maximum term of imprisonment provided by law
23 for the offense of which the person was acquitted by reason of
24 insanity.

25 (b) On the termination of the court's jurisdiction under
26 this article, the person must be discharged from any inpatient
27 treatment or residential care or outpatient or community-based

1 treatment and supervision ordered under this subchapter.

2 (c) An inpatient or residential care facility to which a
3 person has been committed under this subchapter or a person
4 responsible for administering a regimen of outpatient or
5 community-based treatment and supervision under this subchapter
6 must notify the court not later than the 30th day before the court's
7 jurisdiction over the person ends under this article.

8 (d) This subchapter does not affect whether a person may be
9 ordered to receive care or treatment under Subtitle C or D, Title 7,
10 Health and Safety Code.

11 Art. 46C.270. APPEALS. (a) An acquitted person may appeal
12 a judgment reflecting an acquittal by reason of insanity on the
13 basis of the following:

14 (1) a finding that the acquitted person committed the
15 offense; or

16 (2) a finding that the offense on which the
17 prosecution was based involved conduct that:

18 (A) caused serious bodily injury to another
19 person;

20 (B) placed another person in imminent danger of
21 serious bodily injury; or

22 (C) consisted of a threat of serious bodily
23 injury to another person through the use of a deadly weapon.

24 (b) Either the acquitted person or the state may appeal
25 from:

26 (1) an Order of Commitment to Inpatient Treatment or
27 Residential Care entered under Article 46C.256;

1 (2) an Order to Receive Outpatient or Community-Based
2 Treatment and Supervision entered under Article 46C.257 or 46C.262;

3 (3) an order renewing or refusing to renew an Order for
4 Inpatient Commitment or Outpatient or Community-Based Treatment
5 and Supervision entered under Article 46C.261;

6 (4) an order modifying or revoking an Order for
7 Outpatient or Community-Based Treatment and Supervision entered
8 under Article 46C.266 or refusing a request to modify or revoke that
9 order; or

10 (5) an order discharging an acquitted person under
11 Article 46C.268 or denying a request for discharge of an acquitted
12 person.

13 (c) An appeal under this subchapter may not be considered
14 moot solely due to the expiration of an order on which the appeal is
15 based.

16 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 533, Health and Safety
17 Code, is amended by adding Section 533.0095 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 533.0095. COLLECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF INFORMATION
19 REGARDING PERSONS FOUND NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY. (a) The
20 executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission
21 by rule shall require the department to collect information and
22 maintain current records regarding a person found not guilty of an
23 offense by reason of insanity under Chapter 46C, Code of Criminal
24 Procedure, who is:

25 (1) ordered by a court to receive inpatient mental
26 health services under Chapter 574 or under Chapter 46C, Code of
27 Criminal Procedure;

1 (2) committed by a court for long-term placement in a
2 residential care facility under Chapter 593 or under Chapter 46C,
3 Code of Criminal Procedure; or

4 (3) ordered by a court to receive outpatient or
5 community-based treatment and supervision.

6 (b) Information maintained by the department under this
7 section must include the name and address of any facility to which
8 the person is committed, the length of the person's commitment to
9 the facility, and any post-release outcome.

10 (c) The department shall file annually with the presiding
11 officer of each house of the legislature a written report
12 containing the name of each person described by Subsection (a), the
13 name and address of any facility to which the person is committed,
14 the length of the person's commitment to the facility, and any
15 post-release outcome.

16 SECTION 4. Subsection (a), Section 576.025, Health and
17 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

18 (a) A person may not administer a psychoactive medication to
19 a patient receiving voluntary or involuntary mental health services
20 who refuses the administration unless:

21 (1) the patient is having a medication-related
22 emergency;

23 (2) the patient is younger than 16 years of age and the
24 patient's parent, managing conservator, or guardian consents to the
25 administration on behalf of the patient;

26 (3) the refusing patient's representative authorized
27 by law to consent on behalf of the patient has consented to the

1 administration;

2 (4) the administration of the medication regardless of
3 the patient's refusal is authorized by an order issued under
4 Section 574.106; or

5 (5) the patient is receiving court-ordered mental
6 health services authorized by an order issued under:

7 (A) Chapter 46B or 46C [~~Article 46.03~~], Code of
8 Criminal Procedure; or

9 (B) Chapter 55, Family Code.

10 SECTION 5. The change in law made by this Act applies only
11 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
12 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
13 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the
14 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
15 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
16 this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that
17 date.

18 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Newburn
President of the Senate

Jim Caddell
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 837 passed the Senate on May 5, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 27, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Astley Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 837 passed the House, with amendments, on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

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