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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS - MENTAL HEALTH LAW

Introduced By: Representatives Martin, Naughton, and Bennett

Date Introduced: February 28, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 40.1-5 of the General Laws entitled "Mental Health Law" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **40.1-5-8.1. Jurisdiction of the district court.** – The district court shall exercise  
4 jurisdiction in both law and equity over any petition brought pursuant to this chapter, or for the  
5 purpose of effectuating the intent of this chapter, including, but not limited to, petitions for  
6 instructions for care and treatment of patients, providing substituted consent, and continued  
7 oversight of orders.

8           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1 This act would grant the district court jurisdiction in civil commitment proceedings.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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