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Please do not pass this bill. That process is severely abused in my state. The facilities are filled with violence, rape often perpetrated by poorly screened staff. They rarely offer any real care if the person does need something. They cause disruptions in people's employment and the managing of their affairs by imprisoning them and cutting off their communication destabilizing their lives. People lose jobs when they can't go to work and can't call.

I have witnessed with my own eyes that the largest behavioral health provider in the country lies to sign people in to boost profits and staffs facilities with gang members. I witnessed a social worker pimping patients out against their will and giving them drugs to get them to cooperate. Rape and violence are the norm not the exception in these facilities. It is common to get reports of women and girls getting forced into prostitution by STAFF being held in these cages against their will.

All medical decisions are supposed to be made by the benefit outweighing the risk. That doesn't apply here and these people are tortured not treated.

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