

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
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4 **By: Representative Hendrix**

# A Bill

**ACT 1281 OF 1993**  
**HOUSE BILL 1765**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR PERSONS  
9 RELEASED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION WITH SERIOUS  
10 PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISORDERS OR DISABILITIES; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

14 "TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR PERSONS RELEASED BY THE  
15 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION."

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

19 SECTION 1. Any person incarcerated by the Arkansas Department of  
20 Correction may be permitted to remain within a treatment facility operated by  
21 the Department of Correction if serious physical or mental disorders or  
22 disabilities exist, until release to a similar treatment setting outside of  
23 the Department can be accomplished.

25 SECTION 2. In no case should such continuation of housing extend beyond  
26 a seventy-two (72) hour period.

28 SECTION 3. The Department will adopt rules to govern such housing  
29 situations.

31 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
32 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
33 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

35 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
36 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
3 act are declared to be severable.

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5 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
6 hereby repealed.

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8 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General  
9 Assembly that on occasion the best interest of the releasee and state are  
10 served by a short delay in release in cases of mental or medical health cure  
11 need and that this act is immediately necessary to permit such delay.  
12 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being  
13 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be  
14 in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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