



Mental Health Act 2007

2007 CHAPTER 12

PART 1

AMENDMENTS TO MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1983

CHAPTER 8

MISCELLANEOUS

44 Places of safety

- (1) The 1983 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 135 (warrant to search for and remove patients), after subsection (3) insert—
 - “(3A) A constable, an approved mental health professional or a person authorised by either of them for the purposes of this subsection may, before the end of the period of 72 hours mentioned in subsection (3) above, take a person detained in a place of safety under that subsection to one or more other places of safety.
 - (3B) A person taken to a place of safety under subsection (3A) above may be detained there for a period ending no later than the end of the period of 72 hours mentioned in subsection (3) above.”
- (3) In section 136 (mentally disordered persons found in public places), after subsection (2) insert—
 - “(3) A constable, an approved mental health professional or a person authorised by either of them for the purposes of this subsection may, before the end of the period of 72 hours mentioned in subsection (2) above, take a person detained in a place of safety under that subsection to one or more other places of safety.
 - (4) A person taken to a place of a safety under subsection (3) above may be detained there for a purpose mentioned in subsection (2) above for a period

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Commencement Information

- II** S. 44 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 56(1); s. 44 in force at 30.4.2008 by S.I. 2008/800, art. 2 (with art. 3)

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