HOUSE BILL 961

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1	HAUSE BILL NO. 961
2	INTRODUCED BY Fogue to francisco
3	BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS
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5	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE
6	OF THE GALEN CAMPUS OF THE MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL; DELETING
7	CERTAIN STATUTORY REFERENCES TO THE GALEN CAMPUS AND THE
8	DUTIES OF THE GALEN CAMPUS; DEFINING THE FUNCTION OF THE
9	MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL; AMENDING SECTION 53-6-301, MCA;
10	REPEALING SECTIONS 50-17-104, 53-6-303, AND 53-6-304, MCA
11	AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."
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13	WHEREAS, the Department of Institutions has proposed to
14	close the Galen Campus of the Montana State Hospital; and
15	WHEREAS, the Galen facility is being underused, has
16	increasing operating costs, and has a decaying and
17	inefficient infrastructure; and
18	WHEREAS, there is more appropriate and improved care
19	available to the Galen patients at other state and private
20	facilities; and
21	WHEREAS, the consent of the Legislature is required by
22	section 53-1-202(2), MCA, before a state institution may be
23	discontinued or abandoned.
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25	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

1	NEW SECTION. Section 1. Closure of Galen campus. The
2	department of institutions may close the Galen campus of the
3	Montana state hospital on or after July 1, 1991.
4	Section 2. Section 53-6-301, MCA, is amended to read:
5	"53-6-301. Location and primary function of hospital.
6	(1) The agency providing comprehensive mental health care
7	services at Galen-and Warm Springs, Montana, is the Montana
8	state hospital. and-as-its-primary-function-provides:
9	<pre>(a)care-and-treatment-of-mentally-ill-persons;</pre>
10	<pre>tb)diagnosis;-care;-evaluation;treatment;referral;</pre>
11	andrehabilitationofpersonsafflictedwithchemical
12	dependency;
13	(c)care-and-treatment-ofinstitutionalresidentsor
14	clientsofthedepartment'scommunityandresidential
15	programs-who-require-acute-hospital-care-or-nursing-care;
16	(d)treatment-of-tuberculosis-andsilicosis(commonly
17	called-miner's-consumption);
18	<pre>fe}detoxificationofthosepersonswho-seek-relief</pre>
19	from-the-disabling-effects-ofalcoholandotherchemical
20	substances;-and
21	(f)contingentuponspace-and-funds;-the-treatment-of
22	pulmonary-diseases-and-other-medical-or-organic-disorders-
23	(2)The-campus-facility-at-WarmSprings;Montana;is
24	thecomponentdesignated-as-the-mental-health-facility;-as
25	defined-in-53-21-1027-of-the-department-of-institutionsfor

1	the-care-and-treatment-of-mentally-ill-persons-
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- 2 (3)--The-designated-campus-facilities-at-Galeny-Montanay
 3 are---the---components---designated---as---the--department's
 4 residential-treatment-facilities-for-those-persons-suffering
 5 from-chemical-dependency-
 - (4)--The-campus-facility-at-Galeny-Montanay-licensed--to
 provide-acute-hospital-and-intermediate-nursing-carey-is-the
 facility--component-designated-for-the-care-and-treatment-of
 the-medical-and-organic-disorders-described-in-this-section-
- 10 (2) The Montana state hospital is a component of the
 11 public mental health system administered by the department
 12 of institutions.
- 13 (3) The primary function of the Montana state hospital

 14 is the treatment of adults experiencing acute episodes of

 15 mental illness that have not been effectively stabilized by

 16 crisis intervention services or short-term local inpatient

 17 hospitalization."
- 18 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 3. Repealer. Sections 50-17-104,
- 19 53-6-303, and 53-6-304, MCA, are repealed.
- NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 1991.

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