

California Senate Bill 43: Background & Resources

Background

In January 2024, California made significant changes to the state's involuntary detention and conservatorship laws. As part of those changes, the definition of Gravely Disabled was expanded as shown the in bold text:



Gravely Disabled now means a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, severe substance use disorder, or a co-occurring mental health disorder and severe substance use disorder, is unable to provide for their basic personal needs for food, clothing, shelter, personal safety, or necessary medical care.

Impacts

The change in law allows people with severe substance use needs to access more treatment, resources, and housing. This also means more people may be subject to involuntary detention and conservatorship.



Use your phone's camera to learn more/access resources:

Conservatorship





Health Services



Patient Rights

