

1 AN ACT relating to assisted outpatient mental health treatment.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 202A.0815 is amended to read as follows:

4 No person shall be court-ordered to assisted outpatient mental health treatment unless the  
5 person:

6 (1) Has been involuntarily hospitalized pursuant to KRS 202A.051~~[(11)]~~ at least two

7 (2) times in the past ***twenty-four (24)***~~twelve (12)]~~ months;

8 (2) Is diagnosed with a serious mental illness;

9 (3) Is unlikely to adequately adhere to outpatient treatment on a voluntary basis based  
10 on a qualified mental health professional's:

11 (a) Clinical observation;

12 (b) Review of treatment history, including the person's prior history of repeated  
13 treatment nonadherence; and

14 (c) Identification of specific characteristics of the person's clinical condition  
15 described as anosognosia, or failure to recognize his or her diagnosis of  
16 serious mental illness; and

17 (4) Is in need of court-ordered assisted outpatient treatment as the least restrictive  
18 alternative mode of treatment presently available and appropriate.