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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the juvenile courts have  
9 jurisdiction over persons who are under the age of  
10 18 years, while the age of majority is 19 years.  
11 Under existing law, the probate court has  
12 jurisdiction over the commitment to the State  
13 Department of Mental Health of all persons who are  
14 not minors or children.

15 This bill would specify that the existing  
16 law specifying the procedure in the probate court  
17 for committing an adult to the State Department of  
18 Mental Health applies to persons age 18 and over.

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20 A BILL  
21 TO BE ENTITLED  
22 AN ACT  
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24 Relating to commitment proceedings; to amend Section  
25 22-52-16, Code of Alabama 1975, to specify that the procedure  
26 in the probate court for committing an adult to the State

1 Department of Mental Health applies to persons age 18 and  
2 older.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. Section 22-52-16 of the Code of Alabama  
5 1975, is amended to read as follows:

6 "§22-52-16.

7 "The provisions of this article shall ~~not~~ apply to  
8 commitment to the custody of the State Department of Mental  
9 Health of mentally ill ~~minors or children~~ persons age 18 years  
10 and over."

11 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
12 first day of the third month following its passage and  
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.