

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. *Section 5848.7 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:*

5848.7. (a) *The State Department of Health Care Services shall create a pilot crisis stabilization program in the County of Orange to provide mental health and safety support for older adults.*

(b) *The sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State Department of Health Care Services for the purposes of implementing this section.*

~~SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the following:~~

~~(a) Since 1995, the number of psychiatric beds has decreased by 2,766 due to the closure of 44 facilities statewide.~~

~~(b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would enable a pilot program to explore and define the scope of the need for crisis stabilization and support for older adults, starting in Orange County. It is the intent of the Legislature to enable service providers to develop statewide alternatives that would address the lack of crisis stabilization psychiatric care for geriatric patients.~~