

SB 5047-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires an evaluation and treatment facility to inquire as to a person's veteran status or eligibility for veterans benefits and, if the person appears to be potentially eligible for the benefits, whether the person would be amenable to treatment by the veterans health administration compared to other relevant treatment options.

If he or she is amenable, the designated crisis responder shall first refer the person to the veterans health administration for mental health or substance use disorder treatment at a facility capable of meeting his or her needs including the involuntary treatment options available at the Seattle division of the VA Puget Sound health care system.