

A Bill to Reform the Imprisonment of the Mentally Ill (L10)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any convict, present or future, deemed mentally ill shall be detained in
3 proper mental health facilities.

4 **SECTION 2.** A detainee's status as mentally ill shall be determined by an American
5 Board of Psychiatry and Neurology certified Psychiatrist, and a proper
6 mental health facility shall be defined as a facility accredited by either the
7 Community Health Accreditation Program or the Accreditation
8 Commission for Health Care. New facilities shall be constructed and
9 accredited with the sole purpose of housing mentally ill convicts
10 beginning with the passage of this bill.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the
12 Federal Bureau of Prisons shall be charged with the implementation of
13 this legislation. Starting FY 2018, an additional \$10 Billion will be
14 allocated to their combined budgets over the following five years for the
15 construction of said facilities, with a further \$1 Billion annually for the
16 upkeep of said facilities.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect at the start of FY 2018.

18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Providence High School.