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Overview

This bill amends the civil commitment act by prohibiting individuals who are on a stayed commitment from giving consent to participate in a psychiatric clinical drug trial. Permits participation under specified circumstances if the stay is continued.

Section

- 1** **Court release.** Amends §253B.095, subd. 1. Requires the court, in its order for a stayed commitment, to include a condition that the patient is prohibited from giving consent to participate in a psychiatric clinical drug trial while the court order is in effect.

However, if a stay of commitment is continued, the court may grant permission for the patient to participate in a specific clinical drug trial if the treating psychiatrist submits an affidavit that treatment options have been ineffective, and the patient may benefit from the trial. Prohibits the treating psychiatrist from being the researcher conducting the drug trial.