

TITLE 3: HUMAN RESOURCES
DIVISION 2: HEALTH

§ 2519. Right To Counsel; Private Right of Action.

(a) Any person detained involuntarily for evaluation and treatment may have an attorney or advocate contacted, including an interpreter, at the earliest possible time, to provide advocacy or representation in contesting involuntary detention or for advocacy or representation concerning any matter that may develop as a result of detention. If a person is held under 72-hour emergency detention, or faces commitment under this article, he shall have the right to a lawyer and a qualified interpreter, if such is needed. If a person is unable to pay for the lawyer, then one will be provided free at government expense.

(b) Any aggrieved person may seek to enforce the rights, obligations, and liabilities under this article.

Source: PL 8-36, § 21.