

**MENTAL HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 258 of 1974**

**330.1607 Court as guardian; appointment of temporary guardian; hearing; rights and privileges of respondent.**

Sec. 607. (1) A court, upon filing of a petition for guardianship under this chapter and before the appointment of a plenary or partial guardian, or pending an appeal or action in relation to the appointment, under emergency circumstances and if necessary for the welfare or protection of an individual with a developmental disability, may temporarily exercise the powers of a guardian over an individual with a developmental disability, or may appoint a temporary guardian whose powers and duties shall be specifically enumerated by court order.

(2) If the court, under subsection (1), exercises the powers of a guardian or appoints a temporary guardian before the appointment of a plenary or partial guardian, a hearing on the petition for guardianship shall be held within 14 days, or at a time fixed under section 614, whichever is earlier.

(3) If the court, under subsection (1), exercises the powers of a guardian or appoints a temporary guardian pending an appeal or action in relation to the appointment of a guardian under this chapter, a hearing shall be held within 14 days to determine whether the individual is in need of the services of a guardian for the individual's welfare or protection during the pendency of the appeal or action. If the court determines by clear and convincing evidence that a need exists, the court may appoint a temporary guardian whose powers and duties shall be specifically enumerated by court order and whose authority shall expire upon resolution of the appeal or action.

(4) At a hearing held under either subsection (2) or (3), a respondent shall have all the rights and privileges otherwise available to an individual subject to proceedings under this chapter.

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