

as those of the different departments of state government, provided, that the expenses of said board shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars per annum.

When act to
take effect.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 4, 1872.

CHAPTER XVI.

March 4, 1872.

An act to amend an act entitled an act for the establishment and location of a Hospital for Insane in the State of Minnesota, and to provide rules for the Regulations of the same, approved March 6th, 1868.

SECTION 1. Amendment to section 17 of chapter 18 of General Laws of 1868 relating to a hospital for the insane.

Section 17. Manner of committing an insane person to the hospital.

2. Regulating the admission of private patients.
3. The word destitute in section 15 defined.
4. Amendment of section 18 of the same chapter.

Section 18. Relating to fees to be allowed for examining and conveying

7. Chronic and harmless cases may be returned to the counties sending them, until some ample accommodations are provided.
8. Inconsistent acts repealed.
5. Fees of judge of probate.
6. Patients to be legally discharged from hospital by a vote of the trustees, insane person to the hospital.
9. When act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Amendment to
section 17 of
chapter 18 of
General Laws
of 1868 relating
to a hospital
for the insane.

SECTION 1. That section 17 of chapter 18 of the general laws of 1868, be so amended as to read as follows:

Section 17. The probate judge, or in his absence the court commissioner of any county, upon information being filed before him that there is an insane person in his county

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needing care and treatment, shall thereupon make an order appointing some regular physician or physicians (not less than one or more than three), to examine the said person to ascertain the fact of insanity, a certified copy of which order shall be delivered to said physician or physicians, and shall proceed to the hearing of such information, and shall hear and examine the proofs of said information, and if the said person is found to be insane, he shall, upon the written certificate of the examining physician or physicians, "that the said person in his or their opinion is insane and a proper subject for hospital treatment," said certificate being verified by the oath of the physician or physicians, issue duplicate warrants committing the person so found insane to the care of the superintendent of the hospital, and shall place the warrants in the hands of some friend or other suitable person, whom he shall authorize to convey the said insane person to the hospital; and such warrants may be in the following language, to-wit:

Manner of committing an insane person to the hospital.

State of Minnesota, }
County of } ss.

To the superintendent of the Minnesota hospital for insane:—having been upon examination found to be insane, you are therefore required to receive him (or her) into the hospital, and keep him (or her) there until legally discharged.

Form of commitment.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, affixed the seal of the probate court, or of the court commissioner, of said county, this day of 18 .
..... judge of probate.

Upon receiving the patient, and the warrant from the probate judge or court commissioner, the superintendent shall endorse upon one substantially as follows:

Minnesota hospital for insane. Received this day of 18 , the patient named in the within warrant.
..... superintendent.

The duplicate warrant shall be filed in the office of the superintendent, and the original shall be returned, with the superintendent's endorsement, to the judge of probate, or court commissioner, [and] shall be filed in his office.

SEC. 2. No person shall be admitted to the hospital as a private patient until the friends or guardian furnish the superintendent with the certificate of a regular physician, "that the said person, in his opinion, is insane and a proper subject for hospital treatment," dated within one week of the commitment, which certificate shall be verified by the oath of the physician before some magistrate.

Regulating the admission of private patients.

The word destitute in section 15 defined.

SEC. 3. The word "destitute," as used in section 10 of said chapter, shall be construed as follows:

1. Adult males who have no property subject to seizure and forced sale on final process.

2. Married women who have not in their own right, and whose husbands do not possess property subject to seizure and forced sale on final process.

3. Widows who possess no property subject to seizure and forced sale on final process.

4. Minors who possess no property either in their own name or in the hands of their guardians, which is subject to seizure and forced sale on final process, and whose parents have no such property owned either jointly or separately.

Amendment to section 18 of the same chapter.

SEC. 4. Section 18 of said chapter shall be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 18. The judge of probate, or court commissioner, shall allow the following fees:

Relating to fees to be allowed for examining and conveying insane person to the hospital.

To the physician or physicians for examining the insane person and making a written certificate, three dollars each; and for every mile travelled in so doing, fifteen cents. To the person he authorizes to convey the insane person to the hospital, two dollars per day for the time necessarily employed, and all necessary disbursements for travel, and for support of himself [and] insane person and assistants; such amounts to be audited by the judge of probate or court commissioner, and judgment entered of record therefor, to be paid out of the county treasury by the county treasurer upon the written order of the judge of probate or court commissioner, under seal of the court; and upon the payment thereof, said judgment shall be satisfied of record by the judge of probate or court commissioner.

Fees of judge of probate.

SEC. 5. Section 25 of said chapter shall be amended by adding thereto after last line—"For the service required in this section, the judge of probate or court commissioner shall be allowed a fee of three dollars."

Patients to be legally discharged from hospital by a vote of the trustees.

SEC. 6. Patients shall be legally discharged from the hospital by vote of the trustees; and for this purpose three of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Chronic and harmless cases may be returned to the counties sending them, until more ample accommodations are provided.

SEC. 7. Until there is sufficient accommodations at the hospital for all the insane of the state seeking admission, on recommendation of the superintendent, the board of trustees may return chronic and harmless cases to the counties from which they were committed, notifying the county commissioners to remove them without expense to the hospital.

SEC. 8. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed. Inconsistent acts repealed.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect from and after its approval. When act to take effect.

Approved March 4, 1872.

CHAPTER XVII.

An act relating to the Minnesota Hospital for the Insane. March 1, 1872.

SECTION 1. Monthly report to be made by superintendent of insane hospital to next of kin of all patients.

2. When act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. The Superintendent of the Minnesota hospital for the insane is hereby required on the first day of each month to make out a report in writing showing the condition of each patient in said hospital, [separately], with reference to Monthly report to be made out.

Bodily health;

Appetite;

Sleep;

Mental symptoms generally;

Particular symptoms;

Mental state;

Habits and inclinations;

Prospect of restoration;

and shall forward by mail to the next of kin of each of such patients respectively, a copy of such report without charge, within the first week of each month. To whom forwarded.

SEC. 2. This act shall be in force from and after its passage. When act to take effect.

Approved March 1, 1872.