

S. F. No. 254.

CHAPTER 212.

Hospitals for
insane.

An act to provide for a second examination of all persons committed to the Minnesota state hospitals for insane, by the probate courts or court commissioners.

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

Examination
of patients.

SECTION 1. That any person who has been heretofore committed, or shall hereafter be committed to a state hospital for the insane upon a warrant issued by any probate court, or court commissioner, as provided by law, shall as soon as may be, and within a reasonable time, be examined by at least three physicians of the hospital to which he has been committed, one of which said physicians shall consist of the superintendent or assistant superintendent of said hospital, to ascertain the mental and physical condition of the said patient, and certify to the board of trustees of said hospital the result of such examination in each case, which said certificate, so made as aforesaid, shall be forthwith filed with the secretary of the board of trustees.

If not proper
subject,
patient to be
returned to
county.

SEC. 2. If, upon the examination of said patient by said three physicians, it is found that said patient is not a proper subject for treatment in any insane hospital of the state, then such fact shall be distinctly embodied and stated in the report of said physicians to said board of trustees, whereupon it shall be the duty of said board of trustees to forthwith discharge such patient and return him to the county from which he was committed, and place him in the custody of the sheriff of said county, and in such case it is hereby made the duty of such sheriff to receive such patient so returned, and deliver him to his relatives or friends, if such can be found, or to the board of county commissioners of such county; and it is hereby made the duty of such county commissioners to provide for such person so returned. The sheriff shall be entitled to a fee of one (1) dollar for receiving such person, and the same mileage as he is entitled to by law for the service of a writ or summons, except in counties where sheriffs are paid salaries. The same to be allowed and paid in the same manner as other claims against the county.

Order of dis-
charge and
report to pro-
bate judge.

SEC. 3. Upon filing such report with the secretary of said board, it shall be the duty of said secretary to prepare an order for the discharge of said patient from the hospital, which discharge shall become operative and take effect when the same is signed by three members of

said board as now provided by the by-laws of said board, and upon such discharge the secretary of said board shall forthwith notify the judge of probate of the county from which said patient was committed.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force form and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1897.

CHAPTER 213.

S. F. No. 120.

An act to prohibit the desecration of decoration day, and provide for punishment thereof. Decoration day.

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

SECTION 1. That the desecration of "Decoration Day," the 30th day of May of each year, by (the keeping open of saloons), the playing of games of ball, cricket, foot ball and other like games, or by horse racing, bicycle racing, or any other sports calculated to attract attention to such games or sports and away from the memorial character of said day, within one-half mile of the place where memorial exercises are in progress is hereby prohibited and made unlawful during the hours from ten o'clock in the forenoon to three in the afternoon of said day. Desecration prohibited.

SEC. 2. Any person, corporation or association of persons guilty of a violation of section one (1) of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and punishable accordingly.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1897.

CHAPTER 214.

S. F. No. 538.

An act to amend sections eight thousand and sixteen (8016), eight thousand and seventeen (8017) and eight thousand and nineteen (8019) of the "general statutes eighteen hundred and ninety-four (1894)" of the State of Minnesota, relating to the adoption of children. Adoption of children.

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