

Section 20. The *district judge* shall from time to time prescribe and promulgate rules and regulations to efficiently carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 18, 1931.

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CHAPTER 73—H. F. No. 288

*An act to amend Statutes 1923, Section 4523, relating to the parole of patients of the institutions for the insane.*

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

Section 1. **Patients may be paroled in certain cases.**—That Statutes 1923, Section 4523, be and hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

4523. The superintendent, whenever he deems it advisable that a patient should return home or remain away from the institution on trial, may allow him to be absent on parole for a period not exceeding *one year*. The order of commitment shall remain in force until he is legally discharged, and he may be recalled at any time.

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CHAPTER 74—H. F. No. 357

*An act relating to the care and maintenance of feeble-minded and epileptic persons and amending Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4500.*

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

Section 1. **Who may be admitted—expenses.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4500, be amended so as to read as follows:

"4500. All feeble-minded persons, resident of the state, *duly committed to the guardianship of the state board of control, who, in the opinion of said board, are in need of care and training at some state institution for the feeble-minded may be admitted to such an institution, and epileptic persons who are not feeble-minded*

*may on their own application be admitted to the colony for epileptics, under such conditions and regulations as said board shall prescribe. The person legally responsible for the support of any person so admitted, shall pay annually to the superintendent of the institution of which such person is an inmate a sum not exceeding forty dollars, to be fixed by the board, but if the person so liable fails or refuses to pay such sum, of which non-payment the certificate of the superintendent of such institution shall be prima facie evidence, it is hereby made a charge upon the county in which the person so admitted has a legal settlement for the purpose of poor relief if he has a settlement within the state and, if not, upon the county from which he was admitted, and upon the presentation of a certificate of the superintendent of said institution certified to by the secretary of the board of control to the auditor of said county, that such person is a regular and proper inmate of such institution and of the sum so fixed by the board as a condition of admission, said auditor shall immediately remit to the superintendent of said institution the sum so fixed, and a like amount annually thereafter, so long as such person remains an inmate of said institution, which sums may be recovered by the county from any person of sufficient ability legally responsible for the support of such inmate; said superintendent shall transmit the funds so received to the state treasurer to be credited to the proper funds of said institution as required by law in the case of other current receipts, and said board shall have authority to reimburse pro rata the persons and counties so paying respectively from the general support fund of the institution in case of the death or removal of such person so admitted, before the termination of the annual period for which such payment is made. Any crippled or deformed child who is helpless and who cannot be benefited by treatment at the state hospital for crippled and deformed children, or any child who is physically helpless from any chronic disease of the nervous system or any child or adult suffering from such or other incurable chronic invalidism, may be admitted to said department for incurables in said institution in the discretion of and under such conditions as the board of control shall determine: Provided, however, that this section shall not apply to those who are helpless from insanity or senile dementia, or whose presence shall, in the opinion of the superintendent of said institution be incompatible with the general purposes of the institution, as specified above. The sum to be paid annually for each of such persons shall be \$150 instead of \$40 as hereinbefore specified to be paid in other cases, which amount shall be paid in the manner in this section hereinbefore prescribed."*

Approved March 19, 1931.