

Sec. 2.. This act takes effect when approved by the county board of Meeker county, and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 24, 1967.

CHAPTER 839—H. F. No. 394

An act relating to the hospitalization and commitment of certain persons; containing certain amendments incident to a bill for an act to be cited as the Minnesota Hospitalization and Commitment Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Sections 171.04, 201.15, 246.013, 246.014, and 246.14.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 171.04, is amended to read:

171.04 Hospitalization and commitment; correction bill; persons not eligible for driver's licenses. The department shall not issue a driver's license hereunder:

(1) To any person who is under the age of 16 years; nor, after January 1, 1967, to any person under 18 years unless such person shall have successfully completed a course in driver education, including both classroom and behind the wheel instruction, approved by the state department of education, except when such person has completed a course of driver education in another state or has a previously issued valid license from another state or country; nor to any person under 18 years unless the application of license is approved by either parent when both reside in the same household as the minor applicant, otherwise the parent having custody or with whom the minor is living in the event there is no court order for custody, or guardian having the custody of such minor, or in the event a person under the age of 18 has no living father, mother or guardian, the license shall not be issued to such person unless his application therefor is approved by his employer. Behind the wheel driver education courses offered in any public school shall be open for enrollment to persons between the ages of 15 and 18 years residing in the school district or attending school therein. Any public school offering behind the wheel driver education courses may charge an enrollment fee for the behind the wheel driver education course which shall not exceed the actual cost there-

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of to the public school and the school district. The approval required herein shall contain a verification of the age of the applicant;

(2) To any person whose license has been suspended during the period of suspension except that a suspended license may be reinstated during the period of suspension upon the licensee furnishing proof of financial responsibility in the same manner as provided in the safety responsibility act;

(3) To any person whose license has been revoked except upon furnishing proof of financial responsibility in the same manner as provided in the safety responsibility act and if otherwise qualified;

(4) To any person who is an habitual drunkard as determined by competent authority or is addicted to the use of narcotic drugs;

(5) To any person who has ~~previously~~ been adjudged *legally incompetent by reason of mental illness, mental deficiency, or inebriation, and has not been restored to capacity, insane, inebriate, epileptic, or feebleminded* unless the department is satisfied that such person is competent to operate a motor vehicle with safety to persons or property;

(6) To any person who is required by this chapter to take an examination, unless such person shall have successfully passed such examination;

(7) To any person who is required under the provisions of the safety responsibility laws of this state to deposit proof of financial responsibility and who has not deposited such proof;

(8) To any person when the commissioner has good cause to believe that the operation of a motor vehicle on the highways by such person would be inimical to public safety or welfare;

(9) To any person when, in the opinion of the commissioner, such person is afflicted with or suffering from such physical or mental disability or disease as will affect such person in a manner to prevent him from exercising reasonable and ordinary control over a motor vehicle while operating the same upon the highways; nor to a person who is unable to read and understand official signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 201.15, is amended to read:

201.15 Probate judge, report guardianships and commitments. The judge of probate in each county in the state shall re-

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port monthly to each commissioner in his county the name, age and address of each person 21 years of age, or over, residing in such municipality, who has, during the month preceding the date of the report, been placed under a guardianship of the person, and each such person under guardianship of the person transferred to the jurisdiction of the probate court, or restored to capacity, and each person, 21 years of age, or over, ~~committed as mentally deficient; mentally ill; senile~~ *adjudged legally incompetent by reason of mental illness, mental deficiency, or inebriation, or as a psychopathic personality, and each such person restored to capacity by the court, or by final discharge of commitment reported to the court.* Upon receipt of such report, the commissioner shall examine the original and duplicate registration files; and, if such examination discloses that any of the persons named in such report as being under guardianship of the person, or *as adjudged incompetent or a psychopathic personality,* ~~committed; are~~ is registered, the commissioner shall remove the registration cards of such persons from the active files; and upon notice from the judge of probate of a restoration to capacity, the commissioner shall then process the person's registration card in the same manner as if no guardianship or ~~commitment~~ *adjudication* had occurred.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 246.013, is amended to read:

246.013 Mentally ill; care, treatment. Within the limits of the appropriations for the commissioner of public welfare, he is directed, in the performance of the duties imposed upon him by the laws of this state, to bring to the measure prescribed by section 246.012, the care and treatment of the mentally ill as speedily as is possible, and to thereafter, subject to the paramount authority of the legislature with respect to appropriations, maintain said standards in the care and treatment of the mentally ill.

~~He shall establish a screening staff or panel of three or more qualified persons to supervise the policies of the various mental hospitals as to both the admission and discharge of patients; to examine the records of all patients admitted; to examine personally all patients who from the records appear to justify a reasonable doubt as to the need of commitment or the need of continued confinement in a mental hospital and to further examine all patients in each mental hospital, (1) by record and (2) by examination of the patient in all instances where the examination of the record indicates reasonable doubt as to the patient's need to continue in a mental institution and report its findings to the commissioner of public welfare.~~

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 246.014, is amended to read:

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246.014 **Services.** The measure of services established and prescribed by section 246.012, are:

(1) There shall be served in state hospitals a single standard of food for patients and employees alike, which is nutritious and palatable together with special diets as prescribed by the medical staff thereof. There shall be a chief dietitian in the department of public welfare and at least one dietitian at each state hospital. There shall be adequate staff and equipment for processing, preparation, distribution and serving of food.

(2) There shall be a staff of persons, professional and lay, sufficient in number, trained in the diagnosis, care and treatment of the mentally ill, physical illness, and including religious and spiritual counsel through qualified chaplains (who shall be in the unclassified service) adequate to take advantage of and put into practice modern methods of psychiatry, medicine and related field.

(3) There shall be a staff and facilities to provide occupational and recreational therapy, entertainment and other creative activities as are consistent with modern methods of treatment and well being.

(4) There shall be in each state hospital for the care and treatment of the mentally ill facilities for the segregation and treatment of patients who have communicable disease.

(5) The commissioner of public welfare shall provide modern and adequate psychiatric social case work service.

(6) The commissioner of public welfare shall make every effort to improve the accommodations for patients so that the same shall be comfortable and attractive with adequate furnishings, clothing, and supplies.

(7) The commissioner of public welfare shall establish training programs for the training of personnel and may require the participation of personnel in such programs. Within the limits of the appropriations available he may establish professional training programs in the forms of educational stipends for positions for which there is a scarcity of applicants.

(8) There shall be a separate hospital for the diagnosis, care and treatment of the mentally ill who have tuberculosis which shall conform to the standards established for the diagnosis, care and treatment of physical disease. Pending construction of such separate hospital, one of the present state hospitals, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be set apart for the diagnosis, care and treatment of the mentally ill who have tuberculosis and

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shall be staffed and equipped to meet the accepted requirements of modern medicine for the care and treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis.

(9) The standards herein established shall be adapted and applied to the diagnosis, care and treatment of ~~senile persons~~; inebriate persons; *and* mentally deficient persons *and* epileptic persons who come within those terms as defined in *the laws relating to the hospitalization and commitment of such persons*, Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 525.749, Subdivisions 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively, ~~a~~ amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 622; and of persons who are psychopathic personalities within the definition thereof in Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 526.09.

(10) The commissioner of public welfare shall establish a program of detection, diagnosis and treatment of mentally or nervously ill persons and persons described in paragraph (9), and within the limits of appropriations may establish clinics and staff the same with persons specially trained in psychiatry and related fields.

(11) The director of civil service and the civil service commission may reclassify employees of the mental institutions from time to time, and assign classifications to such salary brackets as will adequately compensate personnel and reasonably assure a continuity of adequate staff.

(12) In addition to the chaplaincy services, provided in (2), the commissioner of public welfare shall open said institutions to ministers of the Gospel to the end that religious and spiritual counsel and services are made available to the patients therein, and shall cooperate with all ministers of the Gospel in making said patients available for religious and spiritual counsel, and shall provide such ministers of the Gospel with meals and accommodations.

(13) Within the limits of the appropriations therefor, the commissioner of public welfare shall establish and provide facilities and equipment for research and study in the field of modern hospital management, the causes of mental and related illness and the treatment, diagnosis and care of the mentally ill and funds provided therefor may be used to make available services, abilities and advice of leaders in these and related field, and may provide them with meals and accommodations and compensate them for traveling expenses and services.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 246.14, is amended to read:

246.14 **Transfers of patients to other state institutions.**

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The commissioner of public welfare may transfer a patient from one state hospital for the mentally ill to another, or to an institution for the mentally retarded or epileptic or from one institution for the mentally retarded or epileptic to another or to a state hospital for the mentally ill or any other institution under his jurisdiction.

The commissioner of public welfare may use available space in any institution under his jurisdiction, or in any institution under the jurisdiction of another department or agency of the state in which space is proffered him, by executive or legislative action, for the care and custody of persons, patients, or inmates of the institutions under his exclusive control for whom other, more suitable, space is not available. All laws relating to the commitment and care of such persons who may be so committed and institutionalized shall be applicable to such persons.

Sec. 6. *The effective date of this act shall be January 1, 1968.*

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CHAPTER 840—H. F. No. 485

An act relating to judicial districts; providing for additional judges in the tenth judicial district; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 2.722.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 2.722, is amended to read:

2.722 Judicial districts; additional judges; tenth district. Effective July 1, 1959, the state is divided into ten judicial districts composed of the following named counties, respectively, in each of which districts two or more judges shall be chosen as hereinafter specified:

1. Goodhue, Dakota, Carver, LeSueur, McLeod, Scott, and Sibley; five judges; and four permanent chambers shall be maintained in Red Wing, Hastings, Shakopee, and Glencoe and one other shall be maintained at the place designated by the chief judge of the district;

2. Ramsey; ten judges;

3. Wabasha, Winona, Houston, Rice, Olmsted, Dodge,

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