

CHAPTER 254

WILLMAR STATE HOSPITAL; COMMITMENT OF CERTAIN DRUG USERS

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**254.01 WILLMAR STATE HOSPITAL.** There is hereby located and established at the city of Willmar, county of Kandiyohi, state of Minnesota, a state hospital.  
[ 1917 c 44 s 1; 1965 c 45 s 33 ] (4535-1)

**254.02 HOSPITAL FARM FOR INEBRIATES TRANSFERRED.** All lands, buildings, property, and funds heretofore acquired and held for the foundation and maintenance of a hospital farm for inebriates at Willmar, Minnesota, shall be subject to the same control and management as the property and funds set apart for and used for the support and maintenance of a state hospital, as provided in section 254.01.  
[ 1917 c 44 s 2; 1965 c 45 s 34 ] (4535-2)

**254.03 SUPERVISION.** The state hospital at Willmar shall be under the control and management of the commissioner of public welfare and all laws, rules, and regulations applicable to other state hospitals apply insofar as may be necessary to the state hospital at Willmar.  
[ 1917 c 44 s 3; 1965 c 45 s 35 ] (4535-3)

**254.04 TREATMENT OF INEBRIATES.** The commissioner of public welfare is hereby authorized to continue the treatment of inebriates at the state hospital farm for inebriates located at Willmar as now provided by law, and in addition thereto the commissioner is authorized to provide for the treatment of inebriates at the Moose Lake state hospital, but no inebriate shall be committed for treatment to either facility except as may be authorized and permitted by the commissioner of public welfare.  
[ 1917 c 44 s 4; 1959 c 420 s 1 ] (4535-4)

**254.05 DESIGNATION OF STATE HOSPITALS.** The state hospital for the insane located at Anoka shall hereafter be known and designated as the Anoka state hospital; the state hospital for the insane located at Hastings shall hereafter be known and designated as the Hastings state hospital; the state hospital for the insane and the hospital farm for inebriates located at Willmar shall hereafter be known and designated as the Willmar state hospital; the state hospital for the insane located at Moose Lake shall hereafter be known and designated as the Moose Lake state hospital; the state hospital for the insane located at Fergus Falls shall hereafter be known and designated as the Fergus Falls state hospital; the state hospital for the insane located at Rochester shall hereafter be known and designated as the Rochester state hospital; and the state hospital for the insane located at St. Peter shall hereafter be known and designated as the St. Peter state hospital. Each of the foregoing state hospitals shall also be known by the name of regional center at the discretion of the commissioner of public welfare.  
[ 1919 c 99 s 1; 1937 c 107 s 1; 1976 c 289 s 3 ] (4536)

**254.06 SUPERINTENDENT.** The commissioner of public welfare shall appoint a superintendent of the Willmar state hospital who shall be a duly licensed physician.  
[ 1907 c 288 s 1; 1951 c 713 s 26 ] (4537)

**254.07 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WELFARE, POWERS.** The commissioner of public welfare shall have the supervision and control of the Willmar state hospital and may provide employment for patients committed thereto at such occupation as provided by the rules and regulations adopted by the commissioner of public welfare.  
[ 1907 c 288 s 18 ] (4538)

**254.08** [ Repealed, 1947 c 622 s 14 ]

**254.09 COMPULSORY TREATMENT FOR HABITUAL USERS OF NARCOTICS.** When an affidavit duly verified by a person claiming to have knowledge of the facts and setting forth that, with resulting injury to his health, any person named or described therein is a habitual user, otherwise than under the direction of a duly licensed and practicing physician, of opium, or cocoa leaves or any compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, or preparation thereof, shall be filed with the county attorney of any county in which such alleged habitual user is or may be found, such county attorney under his hand shall issue a notice requiring the person so named or described to appear before a judge of the district court of the county in chambers at a time and place specified in such notice, and cause a copy thereof to be served by the sheriff upon the person so named or described not less than two days before the dates specified for such appearance. The affidavit and the original notice with proof of service shall be filed with the clerk of court at or before the time specified for such appearance, but the same and the other records and files of the proceeding shall be open for inspection only by the person named or described therein or his counsel, and by public officers.

[ 1923 c 235 s 1 ] (4540)

**254.10 HEARINGS; ORDERS.** At the time and place specified in the notice, the person named or described in such notice, or his counsel being present, the judge shall hear the evidence presented; and, upon being satisfied that the allegations contained in the affidavit are true, make and file an order requiring such habitual user forthwith to take and continue, until otherwise ordered by the court, treatment for the cure of the habit at a private institution to be selected by the user and approved by the judge, if the user is able to pay therefor, otherwise at some public institution selected by the judge and at the expense of the county. In either case the order shall further require reports to be made to the court at stated intervals therein specified by the person and by the physician or superintendent in charge as to the effect and progress of the treatment. A copy of the order forthwith shall be served upon the user.

[ 1923 c 235 s 2 ] (4541)

**254.11 VIOLATIONS OF ORDERS TO BE CONTEMPT OF COURT.** Any person named or described in a notice so issued by the county attorney and duly served upon him who shall fail, refuse, or neglect to appear at the time and place therein specified, and any person named or described in the order so made and served who shall fail, refuse, or neglect to comply with the terms and conditions of such order shall be deemed guilty of contempt of the court and proceeded against accordingly.

[ 1923 c 235 s 3 ] (4542)