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**253.01** [Repealed, 1947 c 491 s 2]

**253.014** [Repealed, 1965 c 45 s 73]

**253.015 LOCATION; MANAGEMENT; COMMITMENT; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.**

The state hospitals located at Anoka, Fergus Falls, Hastings, Moose Lake, Rochester, St. Peter, and Willmar shall constitute the state hospitals for mentally ill, and shall be maintained under the general management of the commissioner of human services. The commissioner of human services shall determine to what state hospital persons with mental illness shall be committed from each county and notify the probate judge thereof, and of changes made from time to time. The chief executive officer of each hospital for persons with mental illness shall be known as the chief executive officer.

**History:** 1947 c 491 s 1; 1951 c 10 s 2; 1965 c 45 s 27; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58; 1985 c 21 s 41

**253.02** [Repealed, 1947 c 491 s 2]

**253.03** [Repealed, 1947 c 622 s 14]

**253.04** [Repealed, 1947 c 622 s 14]

**253.05** [Repealed, 1947 c 622 s 14]

**253.053** [Repealed, 1969 c 955 s 7]

**253.06** [Repealed, 1947 c 491 s 2]

**253.07** [Repealed, 1947 c 491 s 2]

**253.08** [Repealed, 1947 c 491 s 2]

**253.09** [Repealed, 1947 c 491 s 2]

**253.10 DEATH OR ILLNESS; NOTICE GIVEN NEXT OF KIN.**

The chief executive officer of any state hospital shall give to the next of kin of any resident thereof immediate notice of the resident's death, serious illness, or special change in condition and promptly and fully answer all letters of inquiry from relatives. Immediately after the death of a patient or resident therein, the chief executive officer shall furnish for registration, to the proper clerk or health officer, and to the probate judge of the county from which the resident was committed, a certificate setting forth the name of the patient or resident, age, the duration of last sickness, and the cause and date of death. The expenses of all coroners' inquests upon persons dying in such hospital shall be paid from the appropriation for its current expenses.

**History:** (4518) RL s 1917; 1965 c 45 s 28; 1985 c 21 s 42; 1986 c 444

**253.11** [Repealed, 1967 c 638 s 22]

**253.12** [Repealed, 1967 c 638 s 22]

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## 253.13 NOTICE OF ESCAPE.

When a convict from the Minnesota correctional facility-Stillwater or the Minnesota correctional facility-St. Cloud who has been committed to a state hospital escapes therefrom or dies therein, the superintendent shall immediately notify the chief executive officer of such facility of such fact.

**History:** (4521) *RL s 1920; 1965 c 45 s 30; 1979 c 102 s 13*

**253.14** [Repealed, 1953 c 342 s 1]

**253.15** [Repealed, 1965 c 45 s 73]

**253.16** [Repealed, 1965 c 45 s 73]

**253.17** [Repealed, 1965 c 45 s 73]

**253.18** [Repealed, 1967 c 638 s 22]

## 253.19 ANNUAL REPORT.

On or before September 1 each year, the chief executive officer of each state hospital for persons with mental illness or mental retardation shall report to the commissioner of human services the number of persons with mental illness therein on July 31 preceding, giving the numbers of male and female and of the number of persons with mental retardation separately, and a statistical exhibit of the admissions, discharges, and deaths, with causes of death, and such other facts and information as the commissioner may require. Neglect to so report shall be a misdemeanor.

**History:** (4527) *RL s 1926; 1983 c 10 s 1; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58; 1985 c 21 s 43*

## 253.20 MINNESOTA SECURITY HOSPITAL.

The commissioner of human services is hereby authorized and directed to erect, equip, and maintain in connection with a state hospital at St. Peter a suitable building to be known as the Minnesota Security Hospital, for the purpose of holding in custody and caring for such persons with mental illness or mental retardation as may be committed thereto by courts of criminal jurisdiction, or otherwise, or transferred thereto by the commissioner of human services, and for such persons as may be declared insane while confined in any penal institution, or who may be found to be mentally ill and dangerous, and the commissioner shall supervise and manage the same as in the case of other state hospitals.

**History:** (4528) *1907 c 338 s 1; 1957 c 196 s 1; 1983 c 10 s 1; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58; 1985 c 21 s 44; 1986 c 444*

## 253.201 MINNESOTA SECURITY HOSPITAL.

The state asylum for the dangerous insane at St. Peter established by Laws 1907, chapter 338 shall hereafter be known as the Minnesota Security Hospital and shall continue under the management of the superintendent of the St. Peter State Hospital, and the revisor of statutes shall substitute the latter name wherever the term "asylum for the dangerous insane" or "hospital for the dangerous insane" now appears in the statutes.

**History:** *1957 c 196 s 1*

## 253.202 MANAGEMENT.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 253.201, or any other law to the contrary, the Minnesota Security Hospital shall be under the administrative management of a hospital administrator, to be appointed by the commissioner of human services, who shall be a graduate of an accredited college giving a course leading to a degree in hospital administration, and the commissioner of human services, by rule, shall designate such colleges which in the commissioner's opinion give an accredited course in hospital administration. The administrative management of the Minnesota Security Hospital shall not continue under the management of the superintendent of the St.

Peter regional treatment center. In addition to a hospital administrator, the commissioner of human services may appoint a licensed doctor of medicine as chief of the medical staff and the doctor shall be in charge of all medical care, treatment, rehabilitation, and research. This section is effective on July 1, 1963.

**History:** 1963 c 764 s 11; 1971 c 24 s 25; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 384 art 1 s 49

### **253.21 COMMITMENT; PROCEEDINGS; RESTORATION OF MENTAL HEALTH.**

When any person confined in the Minnesota correctional facility-Stillwater or the Minnesota correctional facility-St. Cloud is alleged to be mentally ill, the chief executive officer or other person in charge shall forthwith notify the commissioner of human services, who shall cause the prisoner to be examined by the probate court of the county where the prisoner is confined, as in the case of other mentally ill persons. In case the prisoner is found to be mentally ill, the prisoner shall be transferred by the order of the court to the Minnesota Security Hospital or to a state hospital for mentally ill people in the discretion of the court, there to be kept and maintained as in the case of other mentally ill persons. If, in the judgment of the chief executive officer, the prisoner's mental health is restored before the period of commitment to the penal institution has expired, the prisoner shall be removed by the commissioner, upon the certificate of the chief executive officer, to the institution whence the prisoner came to complete the sentence.

**History:** (4529) 1907 c 338 s 2; 1913 c 540 s 1; 1957 c 196 s 1; 1979 c 102 s 13; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58; 1985 c 21 s 45; 1986 c 444

### **253.22 ALLOWANCES.**

When any convict is discharged from the Minnesota Security Hospital the convict shall receive the same allowances in money, clothing, and otherwise which the convict would have received on remaining at the sending institution and the expenditures in behalf of the convict shall be made out of the same fund. While at the hospital, the convict shall be clothed and supported as are other patients.

**History:** (4530) 1907 c 338 s 3; 1957 c 196 s 1; 1965 c 45 s 32; 1986 c 444

### **253.23 TRANSFER PROCEEDINGS.**

When any criminal shall be transferred to the Minnesota Security Hospital the original warrant of commitment to the penal institution shall be sent with the criminal and returned to the penal institution upon return or discharge of the criminal. A certified copy thereof shall be preserved at the penal institution.

**History:** (4531) 1907 c 338 s 4; 1957 c 196 s 1; 1986 c 444

### **253.24 TERMS OF SENTENCE.**

A prisoner who is removed or returned under sections 253.20 to 253.27 shall be held in the place to which the prisoner is so removed or returned in accordance with the terms of the prisoner's original sentence unless sooner discharged and the period of removal shall be counted as a part of the term of the confinement.

**History:** (4532) 1907 c 338 s 5; 1986 c 444

### **253.25 COMMITMENT BEFORE CONVICTION.**

When any person under indictment or information and before trial thereon shall be found to be incompetent to proceed and to have homicidal tendencies; or when during the trial of any person on an indictment or information such person shall be found to be incompetent to proceed and to have homicidal tendencies, the court in which such indictment or information is filed shall forthwith commit such person to the Minnesota Security Hospital for safekeeping and treatment and such person shall

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be received and cared for thereat until recovery when the person shall be returned to the court from which the person was received there to be dealt with according to law.

**History:** (4533) 1907 c 338 s 6; 1957 c 196 s 1; 1985 c 21 s 46; 1986 c 444.

### 253.26 TRANSFERS OF PATIENTS OR RESIDENTS.

When any person of the state hospital for patients with mental illness or residents with mental retardation is found by the commissioner of human services to have homicidal tendencies or to be under sentence or indictment or information the person may be transferred by the commissioner to the Minnesota Security Hospital for safekeeping and treatment.

**History:** (4534) 1907 c 338 s 7; 1955 c 454 s 1; 1957 c 196 s 1; 1983 c 10 s 1; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58; 1985 c 21 s 47; 1986 c 444

### 253.27 CORRESPONDENCE WITHOUT CENSORSHIP.

Any inmate of the Minnesota Security Hospital may correspond freely, without censorship, with the governor and with the commissioner of human services.

**History:** (4535) 1907 c 338 s 8; 1957 c 196 s 1; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58