

**158.18 WHO MAY BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT.**

Any defective person may be sent to, committed to, or received by, the Psychopathic Department in the same manner and form and for the same causes as such person would be sent to, committed to, or received by, any institution under the commissioner of human services. It shall be in the discretion of any court acting in accordance with existing statute, or in the discretion of the commissioner of human services, to send any person to the Psychopathic Department instead of some other institution to which such person would be sent under existing statute. The Psychopathic Department is designated as a place of temporary detention to which, under existing statute, any district judge may send defective persons for temporary detention. The commissioner of human services shall have authority to transfer any patient or inmate from any institution under the commissioner's control to the Psychopathic Department for observation and treatment or for medical and surgical care and treatment under the staff of the University of Minnesota Hospitals.

Persons not defective but who are afflicted or supposed to be afflicted with any abnormal mental condition may be admitted to the Psychopathic Department under such rules as the Board of Regents may adopt.

In every case the consent of the superintendent of the University of Minnesota Hospitals shall be obtained before any patient is sent to, transferred to, or received by, the Psychopathic Department.

**History:** (4596) 1923 c 385 s 6; 1945 c 553; 1953 c 593 s 2; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58; 1986 c 444; 1995 c 189 s 8; 1996 c 277 s 1