

**246.14 USE OF SPACE IN INSTITUTIONS.**

The commissioner of human services may use available space in any institution under jurisdiction of the commissioner, or in any institution under the jurisdiction of another department or agency of the state in which space is proffered the commissioner, by executive or legislative action, for the care and custody of persons, patients, or inmates of the institutions under exclusive control of the commissioner 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.

**History:** (4438) *RL s 1890; 1953 c 515 s 1; 1957 c 261 s 1; 1961 c 750 s 14 subd 1; 1967 c 839 s 5; 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58; 1986 c 444*