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Committee Substitute

for HOUSE BILL No. 230

(originating in the committee on Judiciary)

(By ~~Mr.~~.....)



PASSED March 10, 1943

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AN ACT to amend article four, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, by adding thereto four new sections to be designated sections twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine and thirty, relating to the custody, detention and treatment of persons suffering from venereal diseases.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article four, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be amended by adding thereto four new sections to be designated sections twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine and thirty, to read as follows:

Article 4. Venereal Diseases.

Section 27. *Additional Power and Authority of Local Health Officers.*—The local health officer, in exercising

3 any of the powers or authority vested in him by sec-
4 tions nine, ten, eleven, twelve, sixteen and twenty-one
5 of this article with respect to any patient, minor or
6 other person suffering or believed by him to be suffer-
7 ing from any venereal disease or diseases, may forth-
8 with cause any such patient, minor or other person to
9 be delivered into the custody of the state department
10 of health for detention and treatment as provided in
11 this article.

Sec. 28. *Detention Places.*—The state department of
2 health is hereby authorized and empowered to estab-
3 lish and provide a suitable place or places in the state
4 of West Virginia for the detention of persons found to
5 be suffering from any of the venereal diseases defined in
6 section one of this article and to supervise, use and
7 maintain such place or places in a manner deemed neces-
8 sary or desirable in carrying out the provisions of this
9 article.

Sec. 29. *Detention and Treatment.*—There shall be ac-
2 cepted and received into the custody of the state de-
3 partment of health at such place or places provided for

4 in the next preceding section, persons found upon in-
5 vestigation and examination to be suffering from venereal
6 diseases as defined in section one of this article, for the
7 purpose of detention and necessary medical attention and
8 treatment thereat or therein, until found to be and pro-
9 nounced cured of the venereal disease or diseases from
10 which they are suffering.

Sec. 30. *Continuous Jurisdiction.*—The state depart-
2 ment of health is vested with and given continuous juris-
3 diction, authority and control over all persons received
4 at and to be detained in or on the place or places pro-
5 vided for in the preceding sections, for all the purposes
6 of this article, and until such persons are found upon
7 proper examination to be and pronounced entirely free
8 from and cured of any venereal disease or symptoms of
9 such disease existing.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Ray J. Iverson
Chairman Senate Committee

Paul H. Ruff
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect from passage.

W. Lee Watkins
Clerk of the Senate

Paul H. Ruff
Clerk of the House of Delegates

James R. Ruff
President of the Senate

John E. Ruff
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 18th
day of March, 1943.

Matthew M. Reel
Governor.

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Wm. S. O'BRIEN,
Secretary of State