WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1951

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 158

(By Mr. Davis)

PASSED February 16, 1951

In Effect Twenty Days From Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article four, chapter twenty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to admission to hospital of committed persons.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article four, chapter twenty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 1. Admission to Hospital of Committed Persons.

2—The superintendent of the hospital to whom application is made as hereinbefore provided, shall, on receipt of such application, carefully consider the same, and if he be of the opinion that the person named is a proper one to be admitted to his institution, and there is room for him therein, he shall, without delay, notify the clerk of the county mental hygiene commission making such appli-
cation, advising the day and time for the admittance of
the patient, and the clerk of said commission upon re-
ceipt of such advice, shall notify and direct the sheriff of
his county to cause the patient to be transported to the
institution. If there be no room in the hospital to which
application is made, the superintendent thereof shall im-
mediately communicate the fact to the board of control,
which he may do when deemed necessary, by telegraph
or telephone, and transmit the commitment papers to the
board of control, whose duty it shall be to ascertain
whether there is room in any one of the other hospitals,
and if there is, to cause such person to be admitted thereto
as provided herein: Provided, That any reputable and
trustworthy relative or friend of such person may be
allowed by the county mental hygiene commission to de-
deliver him to the hospital, if such relative or friend will do
so without expense to the county or state.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

[Signature]
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect [Ninety days from] passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within [approved] this the [22nd] day of [February], 1951.

[Signature]
Governor

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D. Pitt O'Brien,
Secretary of State