

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1951



ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 158

(By Mr. Davis)



PASSED February 16 1951

In Effect Thirty days from Passage



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[Passed February 16, 1951; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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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  
3 is made as hereinbefore provided, shall, on receipt of such  
4 application, carefully consider the same, and if he be of  
5 the opinion that the person named is a proper one to be  
6 admitted to his institution, and there is room for him  
7 therein, he shall, without delay, notify the clerk of the  
8 county mental hygiene commission making such appli-

9 cation, advising the day and time for the admittance of  
10 the patient, and the clerk of said commission upon re-  
11 ceipt of such advice, shall notify and direct the sheriff of  
12 his county to cause the patient to be transported to the  
13 institution. If there be no room in the hospital to which  
14 application is made, the superintendent thereof shall im-  
15 mediately communicate the fact to the board of control,  
16 which he may do when deemed necessary, by telegraph  
17 or telephone, and transmit the commitment papers to the  
18 board of control, whose duty it shall be to ascertain  
19 whether there is room in any one of the other hospitals,  
20 and if there is, to cause such person to be admitted thereto  
21 as provided herein: *Provided*, That any reputable and  
22 trustworthy relative or friend of such person may be  
23 allowed by the county mental hygiene commission to de-  
24 liver him to the hospital, if such relative or friend will do  
25 so without expense to the county or state.

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

*A. R. Weathers*

Chairman Senate Committee

*James W. Loop*

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect thirty days from passage.

*Howard Meyer*

Clerk of the Senate

*J. R. Loop*

Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Joseph Thompson*

President of the Senate

*W. E. Fanner*

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 22nd

day of FEBRUARY, 1951.

*Clay L. Patton*

Governor



FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

of West Virginia

**FEB 22 1951**

D. PITT O'BRIEN,

SECRETARY OF STATE