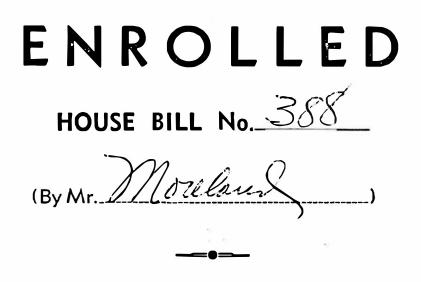
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REGULAR SESSION, 1953



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ENROLLED House Bill No. 388

(By MR. MORELAND)

[Passed March 10, 1953; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section ten, article four, chapter twenty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the arrest, detention and further hospitalization of mentally ill or mentally defective persons who have escaped, eloped, been paroled or been placed on trial visit from any hospital or other institution to which such persons have been committed.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section ten, 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 10. Return of Escapees or Parolees to Hospital
or Institution.—If any person confined in a state hospital
escape therefrom, the superintendent thereof shall issue
a notice, giving the name and description of the per-

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son escaping, and requesting his apprehension and re-5 turn to the hospital, and may offer such reward for 6 7 the return of such person as the board of control may authorize. The superintendent may issue a warrant di-8 rected to the sheriff of the county, commanding him 9 10 to arrest and carry such escaped person back to the 11 hospital, which warrant the sheriff may execute in any part of the state. If such person flee to another state, 12 13 the superintendent shall notify the board of control, 14 and the board shall take such action as it may deem proper in the premises for the return of such person to 15 16 the hospital.

17 If any veteran duly committed to a veteran's hospital 18 or other veteran's institution, either within or without the 19 state, escape or elope therefrom and any person make complaint, under oath, to the clerk of the county court 20 21 of the county from which such veteran was so committed, 22 giving such information and stating such facts therein as 23 may be required, or if any veteran duly committed to a veteran's hospital or other veteran's institution, either 24 25 within or without the state, escape or elope therefrom and

26 the superintendent or chief officer of such hospital or institution issue notice to the clerk of the county court of 27 28 the county from which such veteran was so committed, 29 giving the name and description of such veteran and re-30 questing his apprehension and return to such hospital or institution, the clerk, upon receipt of such complaint or 31 32 of such notice, may issue a warrant directed to the sheriff of the county commanding him to arrest and carry such 33 34 veteran back to such hospital or institution, which warrant the sheriff may execute in any part of the state. 35

The sheriff or other person making any arrest under this section shall be paid such compensation as is provided for like services in other cases, and such additional compensation in any case as the board of control may think reasonable and just.

The foregoing provisions shall likewise apply to any person released from a state hospital, or to any veteran released from a veteran's hospital or other veteran's institution, either within or without the state, on trial visit or on parole whose conduct becomes such as to warrant his return to such hospital or institution.

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

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