WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1957

ENROLLED
Committee Substitute for
SENATE BILL NO. 61

(By Mr. )

PASSED March 6, 1957

In Effect Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact article six, chapter twenty-six of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the discontinuance of the Denmar tuberculosis sanitarium and the establishment of the Denmar state hospital in lieu thereof for the maintenance and care of certain chronically ill patients.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article six, chapter twenty-six of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
Article 6. Denmar State Hospital.

Section 1. Location; Management; Superintendent.—

The state tuberculosis sanitarium for colored persons, hereto established at Denmar, West Virginia, for the care and treatment of persons of the negro race afflicted with tuberculosis, shall be discontinued. There shall be established at the same location, under the name of the Denmar state hospital, a hospital for the chronically ill which shall be managed, directed and controlled as prescribed in article one, chapter twenty-five of this code. The chief executive officer thereof shall be the superintendent, who shall be a regularly qualified physician, shall be a person of good executive ability, and shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Sec. 2. Patients; Admission; Maintenance.—Any person, a resident of West Virginia, other than an inmate in a penal institution, and who is suffering a chronic illness may upon proper order by the state board of control be admitted or transferred to Denmar state hospital. The board of control may charge each patient for his main-
tenance a sum not to exceed one dollar per day; but the
board may, whenever it is deemed just and expedient to
do so, exonerate any patient chargeable with such main-
tenance from the payment thereof, in whole or in part,
if it finds that he is unable to pay or that payment would
work an undue hardship upon him or upon those depend-
upon him, who, by law, are financially responsible for him.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 15th day of March, 1957.

Governor

Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia.

D. Pitt O'Brien
SECRETARY OF STATE