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HOUSE BILL No. 994

(By Mr. Bourasley and Mr. Vickers)



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AN ACT to amend chapter twenty-six of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article nine, relating to the establishment of Hopemont state hospital.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That chapter twenty-six of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated article nine, to read as follows:

Article 9. Hopemont State Hospital.

Section 1. Legislative Purpose.—The purpose of this
2 article is to effectuate the consolidation of certain serv-

3 ices and facilities for the purpose of providing the most
4 efficient and economical care and treatment of tubercular
5 patients by means of the orderly transfer of such patients
6 from Hopemont sanitarium to Pinecrest sanitarium; to
7 authorize the commissioner of public institutions to effect
8 the orderly and most convenient transfer of such patients,
9 together with such equipment, records and supplies, in
10 such manner and at such time or times, as the commis-
11 sioner of public institutions may direct; and to utilize
12 the facility at Hopemont as an additional institution for
13 the care and treatment of the increasing number of both
14 chronically ill and aged and infirm citizens of this state.

Sec. 2. Hopemont State Hospital; Establishment; Name;

2 **Location; Management; Superintendent.**—The state tuber-
3 culosis sanitarium heretofore known as Hopemont sani-
4 tarium, established at Hopemont, West Virginia, ex-
5 clusively for persons afflicted with tuberculosis, shall be
6 discontinued. There shall be established at the same loca-
7 tion, under the name of Hopemont state hospital, a hos-
8 pital for both chronically ill and aged and infirm, and,
9 subject to the provisions of this article, persons afflicted

10 with tuberculosis, which hospital shall be managed, di-
11 rected and controlled as prescribed in article one, chap-
12 ter twenty-five of this code. The chief executive officer
13 thereof shall be the superintendent, who shall be a reg-
14 ularly qualified physician, shall be a person of good
15 executive ability and shall be appointed by the governor
16 by and with the advice and consent of the senate.

Sec. 3. Transfer of Tubercular Patients to Pinecrest

2 **Sanitarium.**—The commissioner of public institutions is
3 hereby directed to transfer all tubercular patients from
4 Hopemont state hospital, heretofore known as Hopemont
5 sanitarium, to Pinecrest sanitarium in as orderly and
6 convenient a manner as possible: *Provided*, That all such
7 patients shall be so transferred to Pinecrest sanitarium
8 prior to the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred
9 sixty-eight.

Sec. 4. Additional Authority of Commissioner of Pub-

2 **lic Institutions.**—The commissioner of public institutions
3 is hereby authorized to direct the transfer from Hope-
4 mont state hospital to Pinecrest sanitarium of such rec-

5 ords, equipment and supplies, as may be necessary to
6 effectuate the purposes of this article.

Sec. 5. Eligibility for Admission of Patients.—All per-
2 sons meeting requirements for admission to Denmar state
3 hospital pursuant to the provisions of section two, article
4 six, of this chapter or requirements for admission to An-
5 drew S. Rowan memorial home, pursuant to the provi-
6 sions of section two, article three of this chapter, shall
7 be eligible for admission to Hopemont state hospital pur-
8 suant to such rules and regulations regarding admissions
9 as may be promulgated by the commissioner of public
10 institutions: *Provided*, That on and after the effective
11 date of this article, no person who is more than sixteen
12 years of age on the effective date of this article, and who
13 is afflicted with tuberculosis, shall be admitted to Hope-
14 mont state hospital except those persons admitted pur-
15 suant to section sixteen, article one, chapter twenty-five
16 and section five, article five-a, chapter twenty-six of
17 this code.

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

Roy Parker
Chairman Senate Committee

James W. Loop
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Thomas M. Meyer
Clerk of the Senate

A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Harold Wilson
President of the Senate

H. Robert White
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 15
day of March, 1965.

Archie C. Smith
Governor



Presented to the Governor's Office

May. 13, 1965

11:20 a.m.