WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION, 1965  

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HOUSE BILL No. 764  

(By Mr. Brownley and Mr. Vickery)  

PASSED  March 10, 1965  

In Effect 30 days from Passage  

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF  
JOE F. BURDETT  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
THIS DATE 3-10-65
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 article is to effectuate the consolidation of certain serv-
ices and facilities for the purpose of providing the most
efficient and economical care and treatment of tubercular
patients by means of the orderly transfer of such patients
from Hopemont sanitarium to Pinecrest sanitarium; to
authorize the commissioner of public institutions to effect
the orderly and most convenient transfer of such patients,
together with such equipment, records and supplies, in
such manner and at such time or times, as the commis-
sioner of public institutions may direct; and to utilize
the facility at Hopemont as an additional institution for
the care and treatment of the increasing number of both
chronically ill and aged and infirm citizens of this state.

Sec. 2. Hopemont State Hospital; Establishment; Name;
Location; Management; Superintendent.—The state tuber-
culosis sanitarium heretofore known as Hopemont san-
tarium, established at Hopemont, West Virginia, ex-
clusively for persons afflicted with tuberculosis, shall be
discontinued. There shall be established at the same loca-
tion, under the name of Hopemont state hospital, a hos-
pital for both chronically ill and aged and infirm, and,
subject to the provisions of this article, persons afflicted
with tuberculosis, which hospital shall be managed, di­
rected and controlled as prescribed in article one, chap­
ter twenty-five of this code. The chief executive officer
thereof shall be the superintendent, who shall be a reg­
ularly 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. 3. Transfer of Tubercular Patients to Pinecrest
Sanitarium.—The commissioner of public institutions is
hereby directed to transfer all tubercular patients from
Hopemont state hospital, heretofore known as Hopemont
sanitarium, to Pinecrest sanitarium in as orderly and
convenient a manner as possible: Provided, That all such
patients shall be so transferred to Pinecrest sanitarium
prior to the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred
sixty-eight.

Sec. 4. Additional Authority of Commissioner of Pub­
ic Institutions.—The commissioner of public institutions
is hereby authorized to direct the transfer from Hope­
mont state hospital to Pinecrest sanitarium of such rec
ords, equipment and supplies, as may be necessary to

effectuate the purposes of this article.

Sec. 5. Eligibility for Admission of Patients.—All per-
sons meeting requirements for admission to Denmar state
hospital pursuant to the provisions of section two, article
six, of this chapter or requirements for admission to An-
drew S. Rowan memorial home, pursuant to the provi-
sions of section two, article three of this chapter, shall
be eligible for admission to Hopemont state hospital pur-
suant to such rules and regulations regarding admissions
as may be promulgated by the commissioner of public
institutions: Provided, That on and after the effective
date of this article, no person who is more than sixteen
years of age on the effective date of this article, and who
is afflicted with tuberculosis, shall be admitted to Hopemont state hospital except those persons admitted purs-
suant to section sixteen, article one, chapter twenty-five
and section five, article five-a, chapter twenty-six of
this code.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled:

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.
Takes effect ninety days 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, 1965.

Governor
Presented to the Governor's Office
May 13, 1965
11:20 a.m.