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HOUSE BILL No. 986

(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. White, and
Mrs. Withrow)



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SECRETARY OF STATE

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section seven, article one-a, and section five, article three, chapter twenty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the division of community services of the department of mental health; reimbursing sponsoring groups by patient or responsible relative for mental health services, and transportation for mentally ill persons.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section seven, article one-a, and section five, article three, 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:

ARTICLE 1A. DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

§27-1A-7. Division of community services; powers and duties of supervisor.

1 There shall be a division of community services in
2 the department of mental health. This division shall
3 administer all funds made available to the state of West
4 Virginia and any political subdivision thereof under the
5 national mental health act, and all other funds made avail-
6 able for use by this division. The director shall establish
7 standards and criteria for reimbursing sponsoring groups
8 for a portion of the cost of local mental health services
9 which they may provide.

10 The supervisor of this division shall also have the fol-
11 lowing powers and duties:

12 1. To establish standards for and supervise the operation
13 of community mental health clinics for adults and chil-
14 dren and to develop new community facilities and com-
15 munity service programs for the overall improvement
16 of the regional mental health facilities.

17 2. To develop a comprehensive and practical program
18 of mental health education of the public, especially at
19 the local level.

20 3. To work with county mental hygiene commissions

21 and circuit courts.

22 4. To determine and approve schedules of reasonable
23 cost for reimbursement by the patient or responsible
24 relative for mental health services rendered.

25 5. To perform any other duties assigned to the divi-
26 sion by the director of the department.

ARTICLE 3. MENTAL HYGIENE COMMISSIONS.

§27-3-5. Transportation for mentally ill persons.

1 Whenever an individual is to be hospitalized under
2 the provisions of article four or article five of this chap-
3 ter, the clerk of the county court of the county of which
4 such individual is a resident shall, upon the written
5 request under oath of a person having a proper interest
6 in the individual's hospitalization, permit such person to
7 arrange for the individual's transportation to the hospital
8 by such means as may be suitable for his mental condi-
9 tion. Should no such transportation be available, the
10 clerk may arrange for such, and if the mentally ill per-
11 son is without financial means to pay for such transpor-
12 tation, the cost thereof, not to exceed the amount pre-
13 scribed by the county court of the county of which such
14 individual is a resident, may be paid out of the county
15 treasury.

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

William Tompaz
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C Davidson
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1967.

James Meyers
Clerk of the Senate

C Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard W Carson
President of the Senate

W. Leban White
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *17*
day of *March*, 1967.

Archie C. Smith
Governor



**PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR**

Date 3/17/67
Time 3:45 P.M.