

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1969

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SENATE BILL NO. 116

(By Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Holliday)

PASSED February 21, 1969

In Effect from  Passage

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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[Passed February 21, 1969; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article seven, chapter twenty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to readmission of mental patients to hospitals.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section four, article seven, 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 7. RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND READMISSION OF PATIENTS; ESCAPEES.

§27-7-4. Readmission of patients.

- 1 While any patient is out of the state hospital under the
- 2 provisions of section two of this article, he may be at any

3 time readmitted to the hospital on the basis of the orig-
4 inal commitment. If there is reason to believe that it is
5 to the best interest of the patient to be hospitalized, the
6 superintendent of the state hospital may issue an order
7 for the immediate rehospitalization of the patient. This
8 order shall be sent to the mental hygiene commission or
9 to the clerk of the court which ordered his admission, as
10 the case may be, and to the clerk of the county court of
11 the county of the patient's residence. Upon receipt of such
12 order and without further endorsement, the clerk shall
13 authorize any health officer or police officer to take the
14 patient into custody and transport him to the state hos-
15 pital where the order originated.

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

William Tompore

Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C. Davidlsen

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect from passage.

J. Howard Murree

Clerk of the Senate

A. Blankenship

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Lyndon Johnson

President of the Senate

Wm. A. Brien

Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *28th*
day of *February*, 1969.

Arch. A. Shaare, Jr.

Governor



PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 2/25/69

Time 2:25 p.m.

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