WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1969

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SENATE BILL NO. 116

(By Mr. Shelton and Millikin)

PASSEDFebruary 21, 1969

In Effect: Passage

FILED IN THE OFFICE
JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, IV
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 3-3-69
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Senate Bill No. 116
(By Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Holliday)

[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 provisions of section two of this article, he may be at any
time readmitted to the hospital on the basis of the original commitment. If there is reason to believe that it is to the best interest of the patient to be hospitalized, the superintendent of the state hospital may issue an order for the immediate rehospitalization of the patient. This order shall be sent to the mental hygiene commission or to the clerk of the court which ordered his admission, as the case may be, and to the clerk of the county court of the county of the patient's residence. Upon receipt of such order and without further endorsement, the clerk shall authorize any health officer or police officer to take the patient into custody and transport him to the state hospital where the order originated.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

William Tompkins
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C. Davidson
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect from passage.

John W. Kececy
Clerk of the Senate

W.A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Mike J. Busby
Speaker House of Delegates

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

Archie Sharp, Jr.
Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

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