WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1970

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 517

(By Mr. Lentz and Mrs. Wotten)

PASSED January 20, 1970

In Effect July 1, 1970

FILED IN THE OFFICE
JOHN D. ROBERTS, IV
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 2-17-70
AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article nine, chapter twenty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to licensing of facilities by mental health.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article nine, 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 9. LICENSING OF HOSPITALS.

§27-9-1. License from director of mental health; regulations.

1 No hospital, center or institution, or part thereof, to provide inpatient, outpatient or other service designed
to contribute to the care and treatment of mentally ill
or mentally retarded, or prevention of such disorders,
shall be established, maintained or operated by any po-
litical subdivision or by any person, persons, association
or corporation unless a license therefor shall be first
obtained from the director of mental health. The appli-
cation for such license shall be accompanied by a plan
of the premises to be occupied, and such other data and
facts that the director may require. He may make such
terms and regulations in regard to the conduct of such
hospital, center or institution, or part thereof, as he may
think proper and necessary. He, or any person autho-
rized by him, shall have authority to investigate and in-
spect such hospital, center or institution, or part thereof;
and the director of mental health may revoke the license
of any such hospital, center or institution, or part thereof,
for good cause after reasonable notice to the superinten-
dent or other person in charge thereof.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

William Semans
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C. Darrah
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1970.

Edward Thomas
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Lloyd B. Johnson
President of the Senate

J. A. Bunch
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 16th day of February, 1970.

Archie Moore, Jr.
Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Date 2/14/70
Time 2:47 p.m.