

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION, 1970



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HOUSE BILL No. 517

(By Mr. DeFert and Mrs. Withers)



PASSED February 12, 1970

In Effect July 1, 1970 ~~Passage~~



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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
- 2 provide inpatient, outpatient or other service designed

3 to contribute to the care and treatment of mentally ill  
4 or mentally retarded, or prevention of such disorders,  
5 shall be established, maintained or operated by any po-  
6 litical subdivision or by any person, persons, association  
7 or corporation unless a license therefor shall be first  
8 obtained from the director of mental health. The appli-  
9 cation for such license shall be accompanied by a plan  
10 of the premises to be occupied, and such other data and  
11 facts that the director may require. He may make such  
12 terms and regulations in regard to the conduct of such  
13 hospital, center or institution, or part thereof, as he may  
14 think proper and necessary. He, or any person autho-  
15 rized by him, shall have authority to investigate and in-  
16 spect such hospital, center or institution, or part thereof;  
17 and the director of mental health may revoke the license  
18 of any such hospital, center or institution, or part thereof,  
19 for good cause after reasonable notice to the superintend-  
20 ent or other person in charge thereof.

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

*William Taylor*  
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 Chairman Senate Committee

*Clayton C. Davidson*  
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 Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1970.

*Thomas Hayes*  
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 Clerk of the Senate

*C. A. Blankenship*  
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 Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Lloyd B. Jackson*  
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 President of the Senate

*Sam F. Bessinger*  
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 Speaker House of Delegates

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

*Arch A. Shaver Jr.*  
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 Governor



PRESENTED TO THE  
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