

SEC. 2. That section 5554-11 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Quarterly reports by managers.

Sec. 5554-11. On the first day of July and quarterly thereafter the board of managers of any county operating such institution shall certify to the state auditor and the county auditor the number of persons cared for at public expense in such institution, the date when each person was admitted and the number of weeks each person was cared for during the preceding quarter, which certificates shall be attested by the board of managers and sworn to by the superintendent, and the state auditor shall draw a warrant for the amount due according to the provisions of this act.

SEC. 3. That section 5554-14 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Denial of state aid on disapproval of board of health.

Sec. 5554-14. No institution operating under the provisions of this act shall be entitled to participation in the state aid herein provided for, if said institution shall be disapproved by the state board of health and such disapproval certified to the state auditor.

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## CHAPTER 81.

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### HOSPITALS FOR INSANE, AND COMMITMENT, PAROLE AND DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS.

AN ACT relating to hospitals for the insane, the commitment of persons to and their parole from such hospitals, amending sections 5938, 5939, 5944, 5954, 5966, 5967 and 5968 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, and repealing section 5942 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington and all other acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Northern State Hospital.

SECTION 1. That the Western Washington Hospital Farm situated near the town of Sedro-Woolley in Skagit county be and the same is hereby established as a state

hospital for the insane and shall hereafter be styled and known as the "Northern State Hospital."

SEC. 2. That section 5938 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Amends Rem.-Bal. §§ 5938, 5939, by changing names.

Section 5938. The hospital for insane situated at Fort Steilacoom in Pierce county shall hereafter be styled and known as "The Western State Hospital."

Western State Hospital.

SEC. 3. That section 5939 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 5939. The hospital for insane situated at Medical Lake in Spokane county, shall hereafter be styled and known as "The Eastern State Hospital."

Eastern State Hospital

SEC. 4. That section 5944 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Amends Rem.-Bal. § 5944.

Section 5944. The state board of control shall have power to make all the repairs and improvements that, in their judgment, may be necessary for the conduct of the hospitals under their charge and to hold, manage, dispose of and convey all personal property made over to them by purchase, gift, devise or bequest, and the proceeds and increase thereof, for the use of said hospitals. They shall take charge of the general interests of said hospitals and shall manage and conduct the same in such manner as may appear to them best and most economical. They shall appoint a superintendent for each of said hospitals, and may ordain by-laws for the government of said hospitals, and therein may prescribe, in any manner consistent with the laws of the state, the duties of all persons connected in any way with the management of the hospitals under their charge.

Powers and duties of state board of control.

SEC. 5. That section 5954 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Amends Rem.-Bal. § 5954.

Section 5954. Whenever any superior judge shall order an insane person committed to a hospital for the insane he shall direct the sheriff to notify the superintendent of the hospital to which such person is committed and such insane person shall be conveyed to such hospital in the manner now provided by law, and copies of the complaint,

Commitment to hospital.

the commitment and the physician's certificate shall be transmitted to the superintendent of the hospital to which such person is committed. The physician's certificate shall be upon a form to be furnished the courts by the state board of control.

Amends  
Rem.-Bal.  
§ 5966.

SEC. 6. That section 5966 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Classification  
of districts  
for com-  
mitments.

Section 5966. Persons found to be insane by the superior courts of the respective counties shall be committed to the respective hospitals for the insane as follows: From the counties of Chehalis, Clarke, Cowlitz, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Kittitas and Yakima, to the Western State Hospital at Fort Steilacoom in Pierce county; from the counties of Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, to the Eastern State Hospital at Medical Lake in Spokane county; and from the counties of Clallam, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom, to the Northern State Hospital at Sedro-Woolley in Skagit county: *Provided*, That if it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the judge ordering the commitment, upon the application of the relatives or friends of such insane person or by the recommendation of the examining physician, that by reason of climatic conditions or the nature of the insanity of such person it would be to his interest to be committed to another hospital and that such other hospital has room and accommodations for receiving and caring for such person, the judge may commit such person to one of the other hospitals: *And, provided further*, That whenever the state board of control shall certify to the superior court of any county that the hospital above specified to receive insane persons committed from that county is for the time being unable to care for additional patients, and shall designate one of the other hospitals, the judge of such court shall, until further advised by the state board of control, com-

Authority  
to commit  
to hospitals  
of other  
districts.

mit patients to such other hospital: *And, provided further,* That nothing in this section or in any commitment shall be construed as preventing the state board of control from, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of any hospital, transferring a patient in such hospital to another hospital when it shall appear that the interest of the state or of such patient demands such transfer, and in the case of any such transfer the superintendent of the hospital from which the transfer is made shall immediately certify the fact and the reasons therefor to the clerk of the court which committed such patient and shall notify the next of kin or the next friend of such patient of the transfer.

Transfer of patients to other hospitals.

SEC. 7. That section 5967 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Amends Rem.-Bal. § 5967.

Section 5967. Whenever in the judgment of the superintendent of any hospital for the insane any person in his charge shall have so far recovered as to make it safe for such patient and for the public to allow him to be at large, the superintendent may parole such patient and allow him to leave such hospital, and whenever in the judgment of the superintendent any patient under his charge has become sane, mentally responsible and probably free from danger of relapse or recurrence of mental unsoundness, the superintendent shall discharge such patient from the hospital. Indigent patients, when paroled or discharged, may be returned to the county from which committed, at the expense of said county. No indigent patient shall be paroled or discharged without suitable clothing, and the state board of control shall furnish the same, together with such sum of money, not exceeding ten dollars, as they may deem expedient; and for that purpose are hereby authorized to make requisition on the state auditor for such sum or sums, from time to time, as they may need for the purpose above mentioned, not exceeding, however, the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars per annum for each hospital, and the state auditor on receipt of such requisition, signed by the president and secretary of said board, shall issue

Parole of patients.

Discharge.

Provision for indigent patients.

a warrant on the state treasurer for the amount thereof, with the limitations prescribed herein. Whenever it shall be made to appear to the judge of the superior court of any county that any paroled patient found in such county has become unsafe to be at large, such judge shall order such patient returned to the hospital from which he was paroled and shall direct the sheriff to notify the superintendent of the hospital to which such person was committed and such person shall be conveyed to such hospital in the manner now provided by law.

Return of  
paroled  
patient.

Amends  
Rem.-Bal.  
§ 5968.

SEC. 8. That section 5968 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows :

Section 5968. Whenever the superintendent of any hospital shall parole or discharge a patient, and whenever any patient of such hospital shall die, it shall be the duty of the superintendent to immediately certify the facts to the clerk of the superior court of the county from which such patient was committed and send a copy of such certificate to the next of kin or next friend of such patient if his name and address is known or can with reasonable diligence be ascertained, and in the case of discharge the superintendent shall give a copy of such certificate to the patient discharged. Such certificate shall give the date of the parole, discharge or death of such patient and shall state the reasons for parole or discharge, or the cause of death, and shall be signed by the superintendent.

Certificate  
of parole,  
discharge,  
or death.

Repeals  
Rem.-Bal.  
§ 5942.

SEC. 9. Section 5942 of Rem. & Bal. Code and all other acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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