CHAPTER 72.
S. B. 115.
ALIEN AND NON-RESIDENT INSANE PERSONS.

An Act relating to alien and non-resident insane, feeble minded, and epileptic persons, providing for their deportation, making it unlawful to bring or aid in bringing an insane, feeble minded, or epileptic person into the state without having obtained permission and providing a penalty therefor, and amending sections 6933, 6934, 6935 and 6936, Remington's Revised Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 6933, Remington's Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Section 6933. It shall be the duty of the Director of Business Control to, in co-operation with the United States bureau of immigration, arrange for the deportation of all alien insane, feeble minded, and epileptic persons who are now confined in or who may hereafter be committed to any state hospital for the insane, feeble minded and epileptic in this state, such alien insane, feeble minded and epileptic persons to be transported to such point or points as may be designated by the United States bureau of immigration.

SECTION 2. That section 6934, Remington's Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Section 6934. The Director of Business Control shall also return all non-resident insane, feeble minded and epileptic persons who are now confined in or who may hereafter be committed to a state hospital for the insane, feeble minded and epileptic in this state to the state or states in which they may have a legal residence. For the purpose of facilitating the return of such persons the director may enter into a reciprocal agreement with any other state or states for the mutual exchange of insane, feeble minded and epileptic persons now confined
in or hereafter committed to any hospital for the insane, feeble minded and epileptic in one state whose legal residence is in the other, and he is authorized and empowered to give written permission for the return of any resident or residents of Washington now or hereafter confined in a hospital for the insane, feeble minded and epileptic in another state: Provided, however, That the state making the request for the return of such insane, feeble minded and epileptic person or persons, shall have, through the proper authorities, entered into the agreement herein authorized.

A person shall be deemed to be a resident of this state within the meaning of this act who shall have lived continuously in the state for a period of two years without receiving assistance from any tax supported organization and who has not acquired a residence in another state by living continuously therein for at least two years subsequent to his residence in this state: Provided, however, That the time spent in a hospital for the insane, feeble minded and epileptic or on parole therefrom shall not be counted in determining the matter of residence in this or another state.

All expenses incurred in returning insane, feeble minded and epileptic persons from this to another state may be paid by the State of Washington, but the expense of returning residents of this state shall be borne by the state making the return.

Sec. 3. That section 6935, Remington's Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Section 6935. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act the Director of Business Control may employ all help necessary in arranging for and transporting such alien and non-resident insane, feeble minded and epileptic persons, and the cost and expenses of providing such assistance and all expenses incurred in effecting the transportation of
such alien and non-resident insane, feeble minded and epileptic persons shall be paid from the funds appropriated for that purpose upon vouchers approved by the Director of Business Control and the superintendent of the hospital for the insane, feeble minded and epileptic from which such persons are transported.

Sec. 4. That section 6936, Remington's Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Section 6936. Any person who shall bring or in any way aid in bringing any insane, feeble minded or epileptic person into the State of Washington without having first obtained permission in writing from the Director of Business Control, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor: Provided, however, That this section shall not apply to an officer, agent or employe of a common carrier for anything done in the line of duty.

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