

SEC. 2. This Act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately. Effective immediately.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1931.

Passed the House March 10, 1931.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1931.

CHAPTER 77.

[S. B. 231.]

ADMISSION TO STATE HOSPITALS TO DETERMINE SANITY.

AN ACT relating to the observation of certain persons in state hospitals, and defining the powers and duties of certain officers in relation thereto.

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

SECTION 1. Any citizen of this state may apply Application.
to the superintendent of any state hospital for admission thereto, for the purpose of observation as to his mental condition.

SEC. 2. Upon any such application being made, Examination.
it shall be the duty of the superintendent of such hospital to cause such person to be examined as to his mental condition by the medical staff of such hospital, and if it shall appear from such examination that such person is in such mental condition as to warrant placing such person under observation, for the purpose of determining whether such person is, or is liable to become, insane, the findings of Findings.
such staff together with the recommendation of the superintendent shall be transmitted to the director of business control, and the director shall have authority to authorize the superintendent of such institution to admit such person to such institution, Admission.
for the purpose of observation, for a period of not more than ninety (90) days, upon the payment by

Payment.

such person, or by some one in his behalf, of the sum of four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) per week, during the time such person is under such observation in such institution; and if, during such period of observation, it shall become apparent to the superintendent of such institution that such person is insane, it shall be the duty of the superintendent to report such fact to the superior court of the county in which such person resides, for the institution of proceedings for the commitment of such person to one of the state hospitals. Nothing in this act shall be construed as amending, repealing, or modifying any existing law relating to the examination and commitment of insane persons to state hospitals.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1931.

Passed the House March 10, 1931.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1931.

CHAPTER 78.

[S. B. 257.]

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN STATE INSTITUTIONS.

AN ACT making appropriations for the payment of salaries of certain officers and employees of the state and for the operation, maintenance, and other expenses of certain state institutions, departments, and offices, and for sundry civil expenses of the state government, and for purposes specified in certain acts of Congress, and for miscellaneous purposes to cover deficiencies for the biennium ending March 31, 1931, and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. The following sums, or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any of the monies in the several funds in the state treasury, hereinafter named, for the payment of salaries of certain officers

Salaries.