

tered by the court, if a proper showing of equitable grounds is made therefor.

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CHAPTER 27.

[S. B. 89.]

IMPRISONMENT OF FELONS.

AN ACT relating to the imprisonment of felons.

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

SECTION 1. The director of the department of institutions may contract with the authorities of the federal government, or the authorities of any state of the United States or of any county in this state providing for the detention in an institution or jail operated by such governmental unit, of prisoners convicted of a felony in the courts of this state and sentenced to a term of imprisonment therefor in the Washington state penitentiary. After the making of a contract under this section, prisoners sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the Washington state penitentiary may be conveyed by the warden or his assistants to the institution or jail named in the contract. The prisoners shall be delivered to the authorities of the institution or jail, there to be confined until their sentences have expired or they are otherwise discharged by law, or until they are returned to the Washington state penitentiary for further confinement.

Contracts with other governmental units for detention of felons.

SEC. 2. Whenever a prisoner who is serving a sentence imposed by a court of this state is transferred from the penitentiary under sections 1 through 4 of

Notice of transfer of prisoner.

this act, the warden shall send to the clerk of the court pursuant to whose order or judgment the prisoner was committed to the penitentiary a notice of transfer, disclosing the name of the prisoner transferred and giving the name and location of the institution to which the prisoner was transferred. The warden shall keep a copy of all notices of transfer on file as a public record open to inspection; and the clerk of the court shall file with the judgment roll in the appropriate case a copy of each notice of transfer which he receives from the warden.

Procedure when transferred prisoner's presence required in judicial proceeding.

SEC. 3. Should the presence of any prisoner confined, under authority of sections 1 through 4 of this act, in an institution of another state or the federal government or in a county jail, be required in any judicial proceeding of this state, the warden of the penitentiary or his assistants shall, upon being so directed by the director of the department of institutions, or upon the written order of any court of competent jurisdiction, or of a judge thereof, procure such prisoner, bring him to the place directed in such order and hold him in custody subject to the further order and direction of the director of the department of institutions, or of the court or of a judge thereof, until he is lawfully discharged from such custody. The warden or his assistants may, by direction of the director of the department of institutions or of the court, or a judge thereof, deliver such prisoner into the custody of the sheriff of the county in which he was convicted, or may, by like order, return such prisoner to the state penitentiary or the institution from which he was taken.

Procedure upon expiration of contracts entered under act.

SEC. 4. Upon the expiration of any contract entered into under sections 1 through 4 of this act, all prisoners of this state confined in such institution or jail shall be returned by the warden or his assistants to the penitentiary of this state, or delivered to such

other institution as the board has contracted with under sections 1 through 4 of this act.

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CHAPTER 28.

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MENTALLY ILL PERSONS—INVOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION—APPLICATION TO COURT.

AN Act relating to the commitment of the mentally ill, and amending section 17, chapter 139, Laws of 1951 and RCW 71.02.090.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17, chapter 139, Laws of 1951 and RCW 71.02.090 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 71.02.090 amended.

Any person may make application to the superior court for the county in which an alleged mentally ill person is found for the involuntary hospitalization of such person. Such application shall be made under oath and shall be to the effect that there is in such county a mentally ill person who by reason of such mental illness is unsafe to be at large and requesting that such person be taken before the superior court for examination. Before accepting said application for filing, the same must be endorsed by the prosecuting attorney of said county where the court has not designated some other person, to the effect that he or his deputy has personally examined the applicant, investigated the merits of the application and believes reasonable grounds exist for filing of same.

Involuntary patients—Application to court for hospitalization.

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