

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

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CHAPTER 28.

[S. B. 90.]

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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