

7 or release of any person brought before said commission for each  
 8 actual hearing, and to the member of the commission serving as  
 9 attorney, seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) for each commitment  
 10 or release of any person brought before said commission for each  
 11 actual hearing."

1 SEC. 2. Further amend section two hundred twenty-eight point  
 2 nine (228.9), Code 1946, by striking subsection two thereof.

Approved April 14, 1947.

## CHAPTER 128

### INSANE PERSONS

S. F. 170

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred twenty-nine (229), code, 1946, relating to the admission and discharge of insane persons.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred twenty-nine point one (229.1),  
 2 Code, 1946, is hereby amended by adding the following:  
 3 "Provided, however, that application for admission may be made  
 4 on behalf of a person by his attending physician and another physician  
 5 experienced in the treatment of mental diseases, for a temporary  
 6 admission for observation, examination, diagnosis and treatment,  
 7 which admission shall not be for a period of more than thirty (30) days  
 8 and only after the written consent of said person. The application shall  
 9 be made to the superintendent of the state hospital in the district in  
 10 which the county of his residence is located. Said application shall  
 11 not be accepted by the superintendent if by doing so it will result in  
 12 an over-crowded condition or if adequate facilities are not available.  
 13 At the expiration of the admission period, the superintendent shall  
 14 make a certified report of the findings as to the mental illness of said  
 15 applicant, one copy of which shall be sent to the attending physician,  
 16 filing the application and, if said report finds that said person is  
 17 insane and in need of treatment, a copy shall be sent to the commission  
 18 of insanity of the county in which the applicant is a resident."  
 19 "If the certification of the patient's condition to his attending  
 20 physician by the hospital superintendent states that a further period  
 21 of observation and treatment is indicated without commitment of the  
 22 person as insane, the attending physician may authorize a further  
 23 period of such observation and treatment as recommended. During  
 24 such extended period of observation, if the patient is not discharged  
 25 a recommendation for commitment as insane may be filed with the  
 26 commission. If the commission does not issue a commitment as  
 27 insane after recommendation by the superintendent within five (5)  
 28 days following receipt of such recommendation, the superintendent  
 29 may, upon authority of the Board of Control, discharge such patient  
 30 from the hospital, and the hospital and Board of Control, after  
 31 discharge of such patient, shall be absolved of further responsibility  
 32 in connection with the case until such time as the same person may  
 33 be committed."

34 "The cost of hospitalization of persons committed temporarily under  
35 the provisions of this section shall be paid for in the same way as  
36 persons committed otherwise as insane."

1 SEC. 2. Chapter two hundred twenty-nine (229), Code 1946, is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following section:

3 "Any citizen of the state may make a voluntary personal application  
4 for admission to a state hospital for the purpose of securing observa-  
5 tion, examination, diagnosis, and treatment for mental illness. Such  
6 application shall be made in writing on forms prepared under the  
7 direction of the Board of Control and shall include an agreement  
8 by the applicant that he will abide by the rules and regulations of  
9 the hospital and will give three days notice in writing before demand-  
10 ing his discharge. No applicant shall be accepted if the hospital does  
11 not have adequate facilities available or if the acceptance would  
12 result in an over-crowded condition. The applicant may apply for his  
13 discharge by giving or causing to be given three days notice in writing  
14 of his desire to be discharged, and not later than three days after said  
15 notice is given, the superintendent shall discharge said applicant unless  
16 otherwise directed by lawful proceedings."

17 "Persons making application directly to the superintendent and  
18 received for observation and treatment on such application, shall be  
19 required to pay the costs of hospitalization, which costs may be collected  
20 weekly in advance and shall be payable at the business office of the  
21 hospital. Such costs shall be the same as for regularly committed  
22 patients, and the treatment shall be the same as for other patients."

1 SEC. 3. If a person wishing to make application for voluntary  
2 admission to the hospital is unable to pay the costs of hospitalization  
3 or those responsible for such person are unable to pay such costs,  
4 application for voluntary admission must be made to the insane com-  
5 mission of the county in which said person is a resident and the  
6 commission, after satisfying itself that the person is in need of  
7 observation and treatment in the state hospital, may on forms pre-  
8 scribed by the Board of Control, authorize such persons admission as  
9 a voluntary case, the costs of hospitalization of such case to be paid  
10 in the same way as regularly committed cases. Persons admitted  
11 under this section shall be released on application in writing to the  
12 superintendent in the same way as voluntary patients are released  
13 as provided for in Section 2 above.

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