

A BILL

FOR AN ACT FOR THE DETENTION AND TREATMENT IN ONE OF THE HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOME FOR THE DETENTION AND TREATMENT OF DIPSO MANIACS, INEBRIATES, AND THOSE ADDICTED TO THE EXCESSIVE USE OF NARCOTICS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That the board of control is hereby directed to provide for the detention and treatment of dipsomaniacs, inebriates, and persons addicted to the excessive use of morphine or other narcotics, in one or more of the hospitals for insane, or at the discretion of the board of control, the Industrial Home for the Blind at Knoxville, Iowa, may be set aside for the detention and treatment of persons committed under the provisions of this act, and to be designated as the industrial home for inebriates.

Sec. 2. That all dipsomaniacs, inebriates, and persons addicted to the excessive use of morphine or other narcotics, who shall be citizens of the state of Iowa and residents of the county from which they shall be committed to the home for inebriates, may be brought before the insane commissioners of the county where they shall reside for examination and commitment to said home or asylum in the same manner as insane persons, and their examination, trial and commitment shall be governed by the same statutes as now apply to and govern the examination and commitment of insane patients to the hospital for insane, and it shall be determined by said county commissioners that such person is addicted to dipso mania, inebriety, or to the excessive use of morphine or other narcotics, he or she shall be committed to such hospital or home, or one of them as may be established by the board of control as above provided, for not less than one nor more than three years, and for the second commitment not less than three years nor more than five years for detention and treatment. Provided, however, that if after such patient shall have remained in such hospital or home for two months he or she shall appear to have been cured, he or she shall, on the recommendation of the physician of such home or hospital, and of the board of control, be released by the governor on parole, and such parole shall continue during such term of

17 commitment unless he or she shall again relapse into the habit or disease for which com-
18 mitted, and in such case such patient shall be returned to such home or hospital and there
19 detained and be treated during the balance of the term of commitment.

Sec. 3. That the board of control shall appoint a physician in such home or asylum
2 established for the treatment of such patients so committed under the provisions of this
3 act, who shall be skilled in the treatment of dipsomaniacs, inebriates and persons addicted
4 to the excessive use of morphine or other narcotics, and such physician shall receive for
5 such services such compensation as shall be determined by the board of control.

Sec. 4. That all statutes of the state providing for the trial, commitment, detention
2 and treatment of insane patients shall be applicable to the trial, detention and treatment of
3 all patients committed to such hospital or home under the provisions of this act except in
4 so far as they may be modified by the provisions of this act.

Sec. 5. That the expense of trial, commitment and treatment of such patients so com-
2 mitted under the provisions of this act shall be borne and paid in the same manner and out
3 of the same fund as the expenses of insane patients are borne and paid.

Sec. 6. That the appropriations now recommended for the Home for the Blind, in case
2 the building is used as an inebriate asylum, be transferred to the maintenance of the home
3 for inebriates and to be expended under the direction of the board of control.