

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To establish a State Hospital especially designed, equipped and administered for the care, observation and treatment of those persons who are afflicted with abnormal mental states.

Be it Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. There shall be established a state hospital,
2 especially designed, kept and administered for the care, observa-
3 tion and treatment of those persons who are afflicted with abnormal
4 mental states.

1 Sec. 2. It shall be known as the State Hospital for Mental
2 Diseases, and shall be located at Iowa City and connected with the
3 College of Medicine of the State University of Iowa.

1 Sec. 3. It shall be under the control of a board of trustees,
2 which board shall be composed of the members of the board of control
3 of state institutions and the members of the finance committee of
4 the Iowa State Board of Education. They shall serve without compen-
5 sation other than their salaries as members of such board of control
6 and finance committee, but shall be entitled to their necessary
7 traveling and living expenses while engaged in the discharge of
8 their duties. Their expense accounts shall be kept and filed and
9 paid as provided by law governing their expenses as members of the
10 board of control and finance committee respectively.

1 Sec. 4. The Board of Trustees shall have full power to manage,
2 control and govern the said Hospital for Mental Diseases.

1 Sec. 5. The Board of Trustees may take and hold in trust for
2 the state any grant or donation of personal property to be applied
3 to the maintenance of the patients or for the specified or general
4 use of the Hospital for Mental Diseases. They shall, as often as
5 vacancies occur, appoint a medical director, who, with the approval
6 of the state board of education, shall hold the position of
7 Professor of Psychiatry in the College of Medicine of the State
8 University of Iowa, and all additional officers and employes.
9 They shall have the power to fix the compensation to be paid
10 such officers, instructors and employes; to make rules and
11 regulations for the government of said Hospital for Mental
12 Diseases; to manage and control the property belonging to the
13 said hospital; to direct the expenditure of all appropriations
14 the General Assembly may, from time to time, make to the said
15 hospital, and the expenditure of any other moneys; and to do
16 such other acts as are necessary and proper for the execution
17 of the powers and duties conferred upon them by law.

1 Sec. 6. The medical director of the Hospital for Mental
2 Diseases shall be its chief officer; and in his absence, sick-
3 ness or incapacity, the first assistant physician shall perform
4 the duties and be subject to the responsibilities of the medical
5 director.

1 Sec. 7. The medical director of the Hospital for Mental
2 Diseases shall have supervision of and be in control of the
3 hospital, and shall direct the care and treatment of its patients,
4 and shall:

5 First. Nominate the medical officers of the hospital,
6 and have power to suspend, until the next meeting of the trustees,
7 a resident officer; but in such cases he shall, forthwith, call
8 a special meeting of the Board of Trustees to provide for the
9 exigency; and the action of the board shall be final.

10 Second. Appoint, with the approval of the trustees,
11 such and so many other assistants and attendants as he may think
12 necessary and proper for the economical and efficient performance
13 of the business of the hospital; prescribe their duties, and fix,
14 subject to the approval of the trustees, their compensation.

1 Sec. 8. As professor of psychiatry in the college of medicine
2 of the State University of Iowa, he shall give instruction to the
3 students of the College of Medicine of the State University of Iowa,
4 in mental diseases.

1 Sec. 9. The medical director of the Hospital for Mental
2 Diseases shall be the pathologist of the state hospitals for the
3 insane, and as such shall seek to bring about systematic co-
4 operation between the several state hospitals for the insane and
5 the Hospital for Mental Diseases at the State University of Iowa.
6 He shall be the director and in sole charge of the clinical and
7 pathological work of the Hospital for Mental Diseases. He shall,
8 from time to time, visit the state hospitals for the insane, upon
9 request of the superintendents thereof, and may advise the medical
10 officers of such state hospitals for the insane in subjects relat-
11 ing to the phenomena of insanity.

1 Sec. 10. The medical director of the Hospital for Mental

2 Diseases shall represent the said hospital at the quarterly con-
3 ference of heads of state institutions, held at the office of
4 of the board of control; and as such representative he shall be
5 a member of the conference.

1 Sec. 11. The treasurer of the State University of Iowa
2 shall be ex-officio treasurer of the Hospital for Mental Diseases.
3 He shall give such bond and perform such duties as the trustees
4 may direct.

1 Sec. 12. The superintendent of the hospital of the College
2 of Medicine of the State University of Iowa shall be the business
3 officer of the hospital for the treatment of mental diseases, and
4 shall receive such salary as the board of trustees and the Iowa
5 State Board of Education may jointly fix. He shall keep such ac-
6 counts and perform such duties as the board of trustees may direct.

1 Sec. 13. Patients admitted to the Hospital for Mental Diseases
2 are divided into two classes: First, public patients, or such as
3 are kept and maintained by the state; second, voluntary patients,
4 of such as are kept and maintained without expense to the state.

1 Sec. 14. Voluntary patients may be admitted in accordance
2 with the regulations established by the board of trustees.

1 Sec. 15. No compensation shall be allowed to any physician,
2 surgeon or other officer of the state university of Iowa who shall
3 care for or treat any patient in the Hospital for Mental Diseases,
4 other than their regular salaries. If patients of the Hospital
5 for Mental Diseases are transferred to the general hospital of the
6 College of Medicine of the State University of Iowa, all necessary

7 expense for the care of such patients while in the wards or rooms
8 of the general hospital shall be paid to the general hospital by
9 the Hospital for Mental Diseases.

1 Sec. 16. Patients suffering from mental diseases may be
2 admitted as public patients as follows: Any district or superior
3 court of the state, or any judge thereof, may on his own motion,
4 or on information filed by any citizen of the state alleging that
5 the person named therein is suffering from some abnormal mental
6 state that can probably be remedied by observation, treatment and
7 hospital care, and who is, of himself or through those legally
8 responsible for him, unable to provide the means for such observa-
9 tion, treatment and hospital care, shall appoint some physician
10 who shall personally examine the said person with respect to his
11 condition. Such physician shall make a written report to the court
12 or judge, stating whether or not, in his opinion, the said person
13 can probably be helped by observation, treatment and hospital
14 care in said hospital for Mental Diseases. Said report shall be
15 made within such time as may be fixed by the court, and upon blanks
16 to be furnished as provided in section 254-j of the Supplemental
17 Supplement to the Code, 1915. If, upon the filing of such report
18 or reports, the court or judge finds that the said person is
19 suffering from an abnormal mental state which can probably be
20 remedied by observation, medical or surgical treatment and hospital
21 care, and that he and those legally chargeable with his support
22 are unable to pay the expenses thereof, the court or judge shall
23 enter an order directing that the said person shall be sent to the

24 Hospital for the Treatment of Mental Diseases, at the State
25 University of Iowa, for treatment. When the patient arrives
26 at the hospital, it shall be the duty of the director of the said
27 hospital, or some physician acting for him, to examine the said
28 patient to determine whether, in his judgment, he is a fit subject
29 for treatment at this hospital. If, upon such examination, he de-
30 cides that such patient is not a fit subject for admission, he shall
31 transfer him to the state hospital for the insane, to which he would
32 be committed under existing statutes if adjudged insane, and the
33 superintendent of said hospital for the insane shall receive him.

1 Sec. 17. Any person appointed by the court or judge to
2 accompany said person to or from the hospital or to make an
3 investigation and report on any question involved in the complaint,
4 other than the physician making the examination, shall receive the
5 sum of three dollars (\$3.00) per day for the time actually spent
6 in making such investigation (except in cases where the person
7 appointed therefor receives a fixed salary or compensation) and
8 his actual necessary expenses incurred in making such investiga-
9 tion or trip. The physician appointed to make the examination and
10 report shall receive the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for each and
11 every examination and report so made, and his actual necessary
12 expenses incurred in making such investigation, in conformity with
13 the requirements of this act. The person making claim to such
14 compensation shall present to the court or judge an itemized sworn
15 statement thereof, and when such claim for compensation has been
16 approved by the court or judge the same shall be filed in the

17 office of the county auditor and shall be allowed by the board
18 of supervisors and paid out of the funds of the county collected
19 for the relief of the poor. If the patient be a female, the
20 person appointed to accompany her must be a woman.

1 Sec. 18. The medical director of the Hospital for Mental

2 Diseases may discharge any patient in the following ways:

3 First, as improved, or not liable to be benefited by further
4 treatment;

5 Second. Any patient of the Hospital for Mental Diseases may
6 be transferred to the state hospital for the insane, in the district
7 of which the said patient was a legal resident, whenever, after a
8 satisfactory period of observation and treatment, it is found that
9 said patient is insane and that further confinement in the Hospital
10 for Mental Diseases at the State University of Iowa is inadvisable;
11 provided, that whenever an insane person is to be so transferred,
12 due notice of such transfer shall be given to the judge who committed
13 said patient, to the person making the application for the admission
14 of said patient, and to the superintendent of the state hospital of
15 the insane to which the patient is to be transferred.

1 Sec. 19. The state shall pay, to the Hospital for Mental

2 Diseases, all expenses for the care, treatment and maintenance of
3 public patients therein, including their clothing, and all other
4 expenses of said hospital for said public patients; and, during
5 the period of the patient's confinement as a public patient, the
6 state shall collect, each month, from the county treasurer of the
7 county in which the said patient was a legal resident, such daily

8 rate as may be annually fixed by the board of trustees of said
9 Hospital for Mental Diseases, as the daily per capita cost which
10 may be charged by the said Hospital for Mental Diseases for the
11 care, treatment and maintenance of each patient therein, which rate
12 shall not exceed the sum of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) a month
13 for each patient confined in said hospital for mental diseases;
14 said rate to be based upon reports of the medical director of said
15 hospital, to the board of trustees; and, in addition thereto, the
16 cost of clothing, transportation and elopement expenses. The
17 business officer of the Hospital for Mental Diseases shall make
18 a monthly itemized statement, under oath, which shall be certified
19 to by the director of the Hospital for Mental Diseases, of the
20 expenses chargeable to the accounts of patients, and shall file
21 the same with the auditor of state, who shall draw a warrant upon
22 the treasurer of state for the amounts so certified, and the
23 treasurer of state shall pay the same out of any funds in the
24 state treasury not otherwise appropriated; provided, that until
25 such time as the Hospital for Mental Diseases is actually treating
26 and caring for one hundred patients, the sum of five thousand five
27 hundred dollars (\$5,500.00) per month, or as much thereof as may be
28 necessary is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state
29 treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance
30 of said Hospital for Mental Diseases.

1 Sec. 20. Every public patient, if he has an estate sufficient
2 for that purpose, and if not, such relatives as are legally liable
3 for the support of such patient, shall be liable to the state for

4 all expenses paid by it in behalf of such patient.

1 Sec. 21. All repairs and such current expenses as are not
2 actually related to the care and treatment of patients shall be
3 paid for out of any money which may be to the credit of the hospital
4 over and above the expenses for the maintenance of the patients
5 therein.

1 Sec. 22. There shall be maintained, as a part of the Hospital
2 for Mental Diseases, at the State University of Iowa, a clinical
3 pathological laboratory, which shall be a central laboratory for
4 the state hospitals for the insane, and a laboratory in which
5 research into the phenomena and pathology of mental diseases
6 shall be carried on.

1 Sec. 23. There is hereby appropriated, out of any money
2 in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
3 one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) for the erection
4 and equipment of a building for the Hospital for Mental Diseases
5 at the State University of Iowa. Said sum shall be payable July
6 1, 1917, on the order of the board of trustees of said hospital.

