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Police Regulation, Suppression
of Crime, Intemperance.

House File 289

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Passed House, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed Senate, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to establish a state commission on alcoholism ; to
provide for its powers, duties, and organization and to
make annual appropriations for such commission.

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

1 Section 1. The governor shall appoint a group of five
2 members, three of which shall be for four years and two for
3 two years, with subsequent appointments for four years to be
4 known as the "State Commission on Alcoholism."

5 In addition to the above mentioned, the commissioner of
6 public health of the state of Iowa shall be a member of said
7 commission ex officio.

1 Sec. 2. The commission shall meet at least quarterly and
2 at the first meeting one of its members shall be elected
3 chairman for the ensuing year. The members shall be compensated
4 at the rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per day for their time
5 plus actual expenses involved. Three members of the commission
6 shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting
7 business. The commission shall appoint from outside its
8 members and may remove for cause, an executive secretary to

9 handle its affairs together with such help as may be needed.

1 Sec. 3. The commission shall be charged with the following
2 duties:

3 1. To maintain information centers in the large cities,
4 operated by qualified persons, to give free consultation and
5 advice and dispense information on alcoholism by means of
6 literature distributed to doctors, attorneys, court officials,
7 alcoholics anonymous groups, large employers and others.

8 2. To maintain affiliation with the national committee
9 for education on alcoholism.

10 3. To furnish speakers at cost to those requesting them.

11 4. To investigate the teaching of information on
12 alcoholism in high schools and colleges as practiced in other
13 states.

14 5. To observe and study the operation of state owned
15 farm hospitals for the treatment of alcoholism and the handling
16 of alcoholic patients as operated in other states and to make
17 a detailed report of their findings at the next session of the
18 legislature.

1 Sec. 4. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions
2 of this Act, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)
3 annually is hereby appropriated and the commission is instructed
4 to draw their warrant for this sum out of any money in the
5 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 289

The purpose of this bill is to establish a state commission on alcoholism. The health of the people is of primary concern to the state. Alcoholism is recognized as a disease and the alcoholic as a sick person. It is deemed necessary that the promotion of education concerning alcoholism and its control is a desirable and necessary function of the state.