

226.16 Unauthorized departure and retaking.

It shall be the duty of the superintendent and of all other officers and employees of any of said hospitals, in case of the unauthorized departure of any involuntarily hospitalized patient, to exercise all due diligence to take into protective custody and return said patient to the hospital. A notification by the superintendent of such unauthorized departure to any peace officer of the state or to any private person shall be sufficient authority to such officer or person to take and return such patient to the hospital.

[R60, § 1445; C73, § 1423; C97, § 2287; S13, § 2287; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **3498**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 226.16]