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House File 288

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Vote: Ayes.....90..... Nays.....2..... Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved.....

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to alcoholics and alcoholism, providing for the creation of a state commission to study and disseminate information on alcoholism; to develop a program of prevention and rehabilitation through research, education and treatment in cooperation with existing agencies and facilities; to encourage the formation of alcoholic information centers in the various counties of the state to work with the state commission and to perform such duties at the local level to help carry out the purposes of this Act, and to provide for an appropriation.

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

1 Section 1. 1. "Alcoholic" shall mean any person who
2 chronically and habitually uses alcoholic beverages to the
3 extent that he has lost the power of self-control with
4 respect to the use of such beverages, or while
5 chronically or habitually under the influence of
6 alcoholic beverages endangers public morals, health,
7 safety, or welfare;

8 2. "Commission" shall mean the Iowa commission on
9 alcoholism.

10 3. "Alcoholism" shall mean the pathological condition
11 attendant upon the excessive and habitual use of alcoholic
12 beverages.

1 Sec. 2. There is hereby established, within the state department
2 of health, the Iowa commission on alcoholism and assigned to it
3 the sum of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars out of the funds of

4 the liquor control commission. The commission shall consist of
5 the following members: The commissioner of public health and
6 eight (8) other members to be appointed by the governor, at least
7 two of whom shall be physicians, one a member of the general
8 assembly, one a representative of industry, one an attorney,
9 one a member of the clergy, and two recovered alcoholics.

1 Sec. 3. The terms of office for each appointive member of the
2 commission shall be four (4) years and each member shall be
3 eligible for reappointment at the discretion of the governor
4 when the term of the commission member expires. Upon this
5 act taking effect the governor shall appoint four (4) members
6 to two (2) year terms and four (4) members to four (4) year
7 terms, such that every two (2) years one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the
8 membership of the commission shall have terms which shall expire.

9 There is hereby established an advisory committee to the
10 commission, which shall consist of the superintendent of public
11 instruction, the chairman of the state board of social welfare,
12 the director of mental health, the chairman of the liquor
13 control commission, the dean of medicine at the state university
14 of Iowa, the medical director of the state psychopathic hospital
15 at the state university of Iowa and the director of alcoholic
16 studies at the state university of Iowa, or their designated
17 representatives, who separately or together shall willingly
18 render advice and assistance to the commission upon request.

1 Sec. 4. The commission shall select one of its members
2 as chairman. It shall meet quarterly and at such other times
3 as the chairman shall issue a call therefor. Five members
4 shall constitute a quorum. The members shall receive no
5 additional compensation but shall be allowed their actual and

6 necessary traveling expenses when engaged in the discharge of
7 their official duties as members of the commission, paid as
8 other state officers are paid, from funds available to the
9 commission.

1 Sec. 5. The commission shall appoint an executive director
2 and fix his salary. The director shall act as secretary to the
3 commission and shall perform such other duties as the commission
4 may require of him. In addition to his salary, the director shall
5 be allowed his actual and necessary expenses paid as other state
6 officials are paid.

1 Sec. 6. The commission shall:

- 2 1. Study alcoholism and its problems, including methods
3 and facilities available for the care, custody, detention,
4 treatment, employment, and rehabilitation of resident
5 alcoholics;
- 6 2. Promote meetings and programs for the discussion of
7 alcoholism or any part of its aspects, disseminate information
8 on the subject of alcoholism for the guidance and assistance
9 of individuals, courts, and public or private agencies for
10 the prevention of alcoholism, and inform and educate the
11 general public on problems of alcoholism, its prevention and
12 treatment, to the end that alcoholism may be prevented and that
13 persons suffering from alcoholism may be disposed to seek available
14 treatment;
- 15 3. Make every effort to evaluate and assess the program
16 from its inception;
- 17 4. Refer for examination, diagnosis, guidance and
18 treatment insofar as funds and facilities permit, any
19 resident of the state coming to the commission of his own

20 volition for advice and guidance;

21 5. Establish, insofar as possible, local alcoholic
22 commissions which would perform the same duties as the
23 state alcoholic commission;

24 6. Recommend the establishment of policies and rules
25 governing the acceptance, care, and treatment of alcoholics.

26 7. Employ such assistants as may be necessary.

27 8. Report to the governor and the legislature biennially
28 incorporating such recommendations as it may deem advisable.

1 Sec. 7. The records of the commission shall not be open
2 to the public, but shall be available to all participating
3 agencies upon request of the agencies.

1 Sec. 8. The commission may contract for such educational,
2 research, casework, institutional and medical facilities,
3 personnel and services of public or private agencies as may
4 be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act. It
5 may accept for training under its direction such medical,
6 technical, and clinical personnel as may be desirable.

1 Sec. 9. It may furnish grants from its available funds
2 to private or public treatment centers and institutions
3 to further the treatment of alcoholics and to carry out
4 the provisions of this Act. The commission may accept
5 funds, property, or services from any source, and all
6 revenue received by the commission in any manner including
7 gifts, grants in aid, reimbursement, or sale of articles
8 or services is hereby appropriated and shall be used in
9 carrying out the provisions of this Act. Expenditure of
10 any funds available to the commission shall be made upon

- 11 vouchers signed by the chairman or the executive director
- 12 of the committee.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 288

This bill would set up an Iowa commission on alcoholism patterned closely after successful alcoholism commissions now existing in 30 states. Its operation would be limited to research, education, publicity, referral to existing public and private agencies, and recommendations for planned programs of treatment.

The appropriation of \$50,000 for the biennium to come from liquor sale profits represents less than one-tenth of the increase in profits reported by the Iowa liquor commission during the last fiscal year. In a sense the commission on alcoholism is a logical extension of Iowa's liquor control laws. There are now 45,000 known chronic alcoholics within the state.

This bill is the result of the thinking of 157 persons who served on the Governor's committee on alcoholism during the last biennium.

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- 1 Amend House File 288 as follows:
- 2 1. Amend Section 2 by striking from line 2 the words
- 3 "assigned to it" and adding in lieu thereof the following:
- 4 "there is hereby appropriated to the state board of regents
- 5 for the psychopathic hospital at Iowa City, Iowa, to further
- 6 the research studies of alcoholism." Further amend Section 2
- 7 by striking the word "fifty" from line 3 and adding in lieu
- 8 thereof the word "twenty-five" and by striking the figure
- 9 "(50,000)" from line 3 and adding in lieu thereof the figure
- 10 "(25,000)".
- 11 2. Amend Section 4 by striking the period at the end
- 12 thereof and adding the words "as provided under Section 3."
- 13 3. Further amend House File 288 by striking all of
- 14 Section 5 and renumbering the remaining sections.

Filed and adopted
May 5, 1961.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS,
CUNNINGHAM of Story, *Chairman*.



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