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HOUSE FILE 1240

COUNTY GOVERNMENT *Page 2/26*
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By MENDENHALL

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Vote: Ayes 39 Nays 1 Vote: Ayes 49 Nays 0

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act requiring that the county board of supervisors receive
- 2 written notice at the time any resident of the county is
- 3 admitted as a voluntary patient of a mental health institute.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE FILE 1240

- 1 Amend House File 1240, as passed by the House, as
- 2 follows:
- 3 1. Page 2, line 20, by inserting after the word
- 4 "settlement" the following: ", unless the appli-
- 5 cation of the patient is accompanied by a statement
- 6 signed by the applicant, his spouse, guardian or
- 7 some other responsible person, agreeing to pay the
- 8 cost of the applicant's hospitalization in the manner
- 9 provided by section two hundred twenty-nine point
- 10 forty-one (229.41) of the Code".

Received from the Senate
April 24, 1974

House amended 4/25

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- 9 section two hundred twenty-nine point forty-one
- 10 (229.41) of the Code".

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April 4, 1974

By GALLAGHER

1 Section 1. Section two hundred twenty-six point thirty-
2 five (226.35), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1973, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Any resident of the state may apply for voluntary admis-
5 sion for the treatment of alcoholism to Mental Health In-
6 stitute, Cherokee, Iowa, Mental Health Institute, Independence,
7 Iowa, Mental Health Institute, Clarinda, Iowa, or Mental
8 Health Institute, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the state hospital
9 serving the district in which he resides. This application
10 shall be made on forms provided by the state director and
11 under such regulations as the director may prescribe. If
12 the superintendent shall be satisfied, after examination of
13 the applicant by the staff, that he is in need of hospital
14 treatment and will be benefited thereby, the superintendent
15 may receive and care for the applicant in the state hospital
16 for such a period of time as he shall deem necessary for the
17 treatment, improvement or recovery of said patient. Upon re-
18 ceiving the patient in the state hospital the superintendent
19 shall at once send written notice of the fact to the board of
20 supervisors of the patient's county of legal settlement.

21 Sec. 2. Section two hundred twenty-nine point one (229.1),
22 unnumbered paragraph two (2), Code 1973, is amended to read
23 as follows:

24 Provided, however, that application for admission may be
25 made on behalf of a person by his attending physician and
26 another physician experienced in the treatment of mental
27 diseases, for a temporary admission for observation, examina-
28 tion, diagnosis and treatment, which admission shall not be
29 for a period of more than thirty days and only after the writ-
30 ten consent of said person. The application shall be made
31 to the superintendent of the state hospital in the district
32 in which the county of his residence is located. Said applica-
33 tion shall not be accepted by the superintendent if by doing
34 so it will result in an overcrowded condition or if adequate
35 facilities are not available. If the application is accepted

1 the superintendent shall at once send written notice of the
2 fact to the board of supervisors of the patient's county of
3 legal settlement, unless the application is accompanied by
4 a statement signed by the applicant, his spouse, guardian
5 or some other responsible person, agreeing to pay the cost
6 of the applicant's hospitalization in the manner provided by
7 section two hundred twenty-nine point forty-one (229.41) of
8 the Code. At the expiration of the admission period, the
9 superintendent shall make a certified report of the findings
10 as to the mental illness of said applicant, one copy of which
11 shall be sent to the attending physician filing the applica-
12 tion and, if said report finds that said person is mentally
13 ill and in need of treatment, a copy shall be sent to the com-
14 mission of hospitalization of the county in which the applicant
15 is a resident.

16 Sec. 3. Section two hundred twenty-nine point forty-two
17 (229.42), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1973, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 If a person wishing to make application for voluntary ad-
20 mission to a mental hospital is unable to pay the costs of
21 hospitalization or those responsible for such person are un-
22 able to pay such costs, application for voluntary admission,
23 must be made to any clerk of the district court. After deter-
24 mining the county of legal settlement the said clerk shall,
25 on forms provided by the state director, authorize such per-
26 son's admission to a mental health hospital as a voluntary case.
27 The clerk shall at once provide a duplicate copy of the form
28 to the county board of supervisors. The costs of the hospi-
29 talization shall be paid by the county of legal settlement
30 to the state comptroller and credited to the general fund of
31 the state, providing the mental health hospital rendering the
32 services has certified to the county auditor of the responsible
33 county the amount chargeable thereto and has sent a duplicate
34 statement of such charges to the state comptroller.

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EXPLANATION

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This bill insures that county boards of supervisors will be promptly informed of the voluntary admission to a state mental health institute of any patient for the cost of whose care the county will be initially liable.