

CHAPTER 333.

STATE COLONY FOR EPILEPTICS.

H. F. 597.

AN ACT to amend chapter eleven-D (11-D) of title XIII of the supplement to the code, 1913, relating to the establishment, maintenance and management of the state hospital and colony for epileptics, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Establishment—object, etc.** That the law as it ap-
2 pears in section twenty-seven hundred twenty-seven-a-ninety-three
3 (2727-a93), being a part of chapter eleven-D (11-D) of title XIII
4 of the supplement to the code, 1913, be and the same is hereby
5 amended by inserting after the word “state” in line two (2) of said
6 section the words “hospital and”.

1 **SEC. 2. Amendments.** That chapter eleven-D (11-D) of title
2 XIII of the supplement to the code, 1913, be and the same is hereby
3 amended by adding to said chapter the following:

4 “Par. 1. The state hospital and colony for epileptics shall be de-
5 voted to securing humane, curative, scientific and economical care
6 and treatment of epileptics and shall be under the management, care
7 and control of the board of control of state institutions, which
8 board shall make and enforce such rules and regulations as it may
9 deem necessary for the management and control of the institution
10 and for the admission and retention of all voluntary, involuntary
11 and private patients to such hospital, and for their treatment, care,
12 education and discharge and shall fix the rate of compensation to be
13 paid by private patients. The board shall have full power to transfer
14 epileptics from any other state hospital or institution under the
15 control of said board to the hospital and colony for epileptics, to
16 transfer insane epileptics from the hospital and colony to other
17 state institutions, and to re-transfer such epileptics if deemed ex-
18 pedient.

19 “Par. 2. The officers and employes of the hospital and colony
20 shall consist of a superintendent and such other officers and em-
21 ployes to be appointed by the superintendent as the board of control
22 of state institutions may deem necessary for the proper operation
23 and management of said institution, the number and compensation
24 of such officers and employes to be fixed by the board of control.
25 The superintendent shall be a well educated physician with at least
26 five (5) years experience in the actual practice of medicine and
27 shall be appointed by the board of control for a term of four (4)
28 years, and shall receive such salary as the board may fix not exceed-
29 ing three thousand (\$3000.00) dollars per annum, and shall be fur-
30 nished with a dwelling-house and the necessary household provisions
31 and supplies for himself, wife and minor children.

32 “Par. 3. In addition to the duties which may now be imposed by
33 law, the superintendent shall oversee and secure the individual treat-
34 ment and professional care of each and every patient residing in

35 the hospital and colony, and shall enforce such rules as may be
36 adopted by the board of control, for the reception, examination, re-
37 tention and discharge of patients and shall keep a full and complete
38 record of the condition of all patients and make notations as to their
39 prospects of recovery. He shall have the general superintendency
40 of the buildings, grounds and farm with their furniture, equipment,
41 stock and fixtures and the immediate direction and control of all
42 persons employed in and about the institution under such rules as
43 may be adopted by the board of control, and he shall maintain salu-
44 tary discipline among all employes, patients and inhabitants of the
45 hospital and colony and shall have the immediate custody and con-
46 trol of every patient admitted to the colony until properly discharged,
47 and may restrain and discipline any patient in such manner as he
48 may deem best for the welfare of the patient, subject at all times
49 to such regulations as may be made by the board of control.

50 "Par. 4. When said hospital and colony buildings are erected,
51 furnished, equipped and ready for use the board of control shall
52 notify the governor of the fact, who shall thereupon issue his
53 proclamation for the opening of said hospital and colony for the re-
54 ception of patients.

55 "Par. 5. All persons admitted to said hospital and colony as sane
56 epileptics shall until paroled or discharged be under the custody
57 and control of the superintendent of said hospital, and said super-
58 intendent may restrain any such patient when he deems it necessary
59 for the welfare of the patient and the proper conduct of the institu-
60 tion. Any person admitted as a sane epileptic, who is of legal age,
61 or the parent or guardian of such patient, if a minor, may at any
62 time obtain the discharge of such patient from the institution by
63 giving at least ten (10) days' notice in writing to the superin-
64 tendent of the desire to obtain such discharge, and when the patient
65 is thus discharged he will not be again admitted except under a war-
66 rant of commitment as herein provided. When a patient has been
67 admitted as sane and afterwards becomes violent or insane, the board
68 of control by and with the advice of the superintendent upon com-
69 plaint being made by an officer or employe of the institution may
70 regularly commit such patient after a hearing to said hospital and
71 colony as an insane epileptic and note that fact upon the records of
72 the institution, and such action by the board shall have the same
73 force and effect as though the commitment was made by order of
74 the commissioners of insanity, and the person so committed shall
75 have the same right to appeal from the action of the board as in
76 cases before an insane commission.

77 "Par. 6. The commissioners of insanity in each county shall have
78 the same power and authority to commit persons to the state hospital
79 and colony for epileptics, except in cases of voluntary commitments
80 to such hospital and colony, as is now conferred by law upon such
81 commissioners in connection with the commitment of patients to the
82 state hospital for the insane, and all laws relating to the admission
83 of patients to the state hospital for the insane shall apply to ad-
84 mission of patients to the state hospital and colony for epileptics in all
85 cases where such laws may be applicable. Application for the com-
86 mitment of any person to the state hospital and colony for epileptics,
87 other than voluntary commitments, must be made in form of in-

88 formation verified by affidavit alleging that the person in whose
89 behalf the application is made is believed by the informant to be
90 afflicted with the disease known as epilepsy, and that such person
91 is a fit subject for the care, custody, treatment and control of the
92 state hospital and colony for epileptics, and that such person is found
93 within the county where the information is filed, and shall also state
94 the place of residence of such person if known, and if not known
95 the best information or belief of the informant as to such residence
96 according to the facts in each case.

97 "Par. 7. The board of control of state institutions shall fix the
98 per capita allowance which may be charged by the said state hospital
99 and colony for epileptics for the care, treatment and maintenance of
100 each patient therein, which shall not exceed the sum of fifteen
101 (\$15.00) dollars per capita per month, which shall be based upon
102 reports of the superintendent to the board of control and shall be
103 credited to said institution by the auditor and treasurer of state upon
104 certificate of the board of control and may be drawn against as pro-
105 vided in chapter eleven-B (11-B) of title XIII, supplement to the
106 code, 1913. Provided that until such time as the institution is
107 actually treating and caring for three hundred (300) patients the
108 sum of four thousand (\$4000.00) dollars per month, or so much
109 thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money
110 in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated for the support and
111 maintenance of said institution."

1 SEC. 3. **Publication clause.** This act, being deemed of immediate
2 importance, shall be in full force and effect from and after its publi-
3 cation in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital, news-
4 papers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 19, A. D. 1915.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Capital May 1, 1915 and in the Register and Leader May 3, 1915.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 334.

ACCOUNT OF FEES BY GOVERNOR.

H. F. 634.

AN ACT relative to disposition of fees paid to the governor, additional to chapter one (1), title one (1) of the code, and amendments thereto.

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

1 SECTION 1. **Governor to account for fees.** That all fees paid to
2 the governor shall be turned over to the treasurer of state.

1 SEC. 2. **Construction of act.** This act shall be additional to chap-
2 ter one (1), title one (1) of the code, and amendments thereto.

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