

3 "Whenever a patient in Glenwood state school, Woodward state  
 4 hospital and school, any mental health institute, or any institution  
 5 placed by the board of control under the director of mental health  
 6 for administration, has become so mentally disturbed as to constitute  
 7 a danger to self, to other patients in the institution or to the public,  
 8 and the institution involved cannot provide adequate security, the  
 9 board of control or director of mental health may order the patient  
 10 to be transferred to the hospital unit for the mentally ill at the men's  
 11 reformatory, provided that the executive head of the institution in-  
 12 volved with the support of a majority of his medical staff recom-  
 13 mends the transfer in the interest of the patient, other patients or  
 14 the public. The order of the board of control or director of mental  
 15 health shall have the same force and effect as a warrant of commit-  
 16 ment for mental illness. The cost of the transfer shall be paid from  
 17 the funds of the institution from which the transfer is made."

Approved May 15, 1959.

## CHAPTER 164

### BOARD OF CONTROL DUTIES

H. F. 360

AN ACT relating to the duties of the board of control and to repeal section two hundred twenty-three point twenty-one (223.21), Code 1958.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred twenty-three point twenty-one  
 2 (223.21), Code 1958, is hereby repealed.

Approved April 10, 1959.

## CHAPTER 165

### EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

H. F. 710

AN ACT to provide for the continued operation of the mental health institutes under emergency disaster, and to authorize their use as emergency general hospitals.

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

1 SECTION 1. In case of emergency disaster, with the infliction of  
 2 numerous casualties among the civilian population, the mental health  
 3 institutes are authorized to accept sick and wounded persons without  
 4 commitment or any other formalities.

1 SEC. 2. The hospital is authorized to make a charge for these  
 2 patients, in the manner now provided by law and subject to the  
 3 changes hereinafter provided.

1 SEC. 3. In case the mental health institutes lose contact with the  
 2 state house, due to enemy action or otherwise, the superintendents of

3 the institutes are hereby delegated the following powers and duties:  
 4 (a) May collect moneys due the state treasury from the counties  
 5 and/or from responsible persons or other relatives, these funds to be  
 6 collected monthly, instead of quarterly, and to be deposited for use  
 7 in operating the institutes.

8 (b) The superintendent shall have the power to requisition sup-  
 9 plies, such as food, fuel, drugs and medical equipment, from any  
 10 source available, in the name of the state, with the power to enter  
 11 into contracts binding the state for payment at an indefinite future  
 12 time.

13 (c) The superintendent shall be authorized to employ personnel in  
 14 all categories and for whatever remuneration he deems necessary,  
 15 without regard to existing laws, rules or regulations, in order to per-  
 16 mit the institute to continue its old functions, as well as meet its  
 17 additional responsibilities.

Approved May 15, 1959.

## CHAPTER 166

### MENTALLY ILL PERSONS

H. F. 357

AN ACT relating to the custody, pending appeal, of persons found by the commission of hospitalization to be mentally ill.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred twenty-nine point eighteen  
 2 (229.18), Code 1958, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in  
 3 lieu thereof:

4 "If the appellant is in the custody of the commission at the time of  
 5 service of the notice of appeal he shall be discharged from custody  
 6 pending appeal unless the commission finds that he cannot with safety  
 7 be allowed to go at large, in which case it shall require him to be  
 8 suitably provided for in the manner hereinafter specified. If the appel-  
 9 lant is in the custody of an institution under the jurisdiction of the  
 10 director of mental health at the time of service of the notice of appeal,  
 11 he shall be discharged from custody pending appeal unless the super-  
 12 intendent of the institution with the concurrence of at least two (2)  
 13 members of his medical staff finds that he cannot with safety be al-  
 14 lowed to go at large, in which case the appellant shall remain in the  
 15 custody of the institution or shall be otherwise suitably provided for  
 16 in the manner hereinafter specified."

Approved April 23, 1959.

## CHAPTER 167

### VOLUNTARY MENTAL ILLNESS PATIENTS

H. F. 703

AN ACT relating to voluntary mental illness patients.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred twenty-nine point forty-one  
 2 (229.41), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows: