

Bill No. 72 of 1952.

A BILL TO AMEND THE MENTAL DISEASES ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Mental Diseases Act*, being chapter 192 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942.

Section 27, subsection (2) is amended. By this amendment the superintendant of a mental disease hospital, who could permit a mental patient to be absent from the hospital for a period not exceeding ten days, may now extend the ten day period from time to time upon receiving favourable reports from those in charge of the patient; but the accumulated periods of absence shall not exceed six months. A new subsection (3) has been added which redrafts a portion of the former subsection (2) and limits the amount of money which the superintendent of a hospital may give the mental patient for transportation and other expenses to forty dollars.

This Bill comes into force upon assent.

J. W. RYAN,
Acting Legislative Counsel.

(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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An Act to amend The Mental Diseases Act.

(Assented to _____, 1952.)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Mental Diseases Act*, being chapter 192 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended.

2. Section 27 is amended:

Section 27
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- (a) by striking out the words "and furnish him with the aforesaid transportation and money", where they occur in subsection (2) and by substituting the words "and on receipt of satisfactory reports concerning the patient from the relatives or those responsible for the patient, may extend the period from time to time, but in no case shall the total period a patient is absent from the hospital, under this subsection, exceed six months";

- (b) by adding immediately after subsection (2) the following new subsection:

"(3) Where the superintendent of a hospital of his own authority permits a patient to be absent from the hospital under the provisions of subsection (2), the superintendent may furnish the patient, if he be in indigent circumstances, with transportation to and from his home, or sufficient money to pay his transportation, and other necessary expenses during the journey, such sum not to exceed forty dollars."

3. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to. Coming
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HON. DR. CROSS.
