

Bill No. 52 of 1929.

A BILL TO AMEND THE MENTAL DISEASES ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill provides for paroling of a patient by the Attorney General, with the advice in writing of the superintendent, for a long period, or by the superintendent on his own authority, for a period not exceeding three days; and makes provision for the reception of persons suffering from mental diseases in private homes.

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(This note does not form any part of the Bill and is offered merely as a partial explanation of some of its provisions.)

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No. 52 of 1929.

An Act to amend The Mental Diseases Act.

(Assented to _____, 1929.)

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

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Mental Diseases Act Amendment Act, 1929.*"

2. *The Mental Diseases Act*, being chapter 223 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is amended as to section 2a thereof, by striking out paragraph (d) thereof.

3. Section 22 of the said Act is amended as to subsection (2) thereof, by striking out the words "and travelling expenses to his or her home, but in no case shall the amount of money furnished exceed the sum of twenty dollars," and substituting therefor the following: "and with transportation to his or her home, or sufficient money to pay for the same, and also a sum of money for sustenance, and other necessary expenses during the journey, which last mentioned sum shall not exceed twenty dollars."

4. Section 22a is hereby struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"22a.—(1) The Attorney General, with the advice in writing of the superintendent, may permit a patient in a hospital to be absent on trial so long as he thinks fit, and the superintendent may furnish such patient, if he be in indigent circumstances, with transportation to and from his home, or sufficient money to pay for the same; also a sum of money for sustenance, and other necessary expenses during the journey, which last mentioned sum shall not exceed forty dollars.

"(2) The superintendent of a hospital may of his own authority permit any patient to be absent from the hospital for a period not exceeding three days, and furnish him with the aforesaid transportation and money."

5. Section 22b is added to the said Act as follows:

"APPROVED HOMES.

"22b.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may issue certificates approving of any house as a place for the

reception of patients and entitling any person to receive into any such house one or more patients as if such house had been designated as a mental diseases hospital, and to make regulations—

- "(a) as to the granting of such certificates and their withdrawal;
- "(b) as to the standards of construction and equipment of such approved homes;
- "(c) declaring that any section or sections of this Act shall not be applicable to such approved homes;
- "(d) as to the inspection of such approved homes;
- "(e) as to the fees payable in respect of certificates and inspection;
- "(f) as to the amounts to be paid for the care and maintenance of patients while in an approved home;
- "(g) as to such other matters as may seem to him proper, relating to the management and conduct of such approved homes.

"(2) All such regulations shall be laid upon the table of the House at the session of the Legislature held next after their passing and if not then disapproved shall be as binding as if they were set out herein."

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