

HOSPITAL FOR INSANE.

CHAPTER 105.

[H. B. No. 189—Rogers.]

REGULATING ADMISSION OF PATIENTS TO THE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

AN ACT to Amend Sections 998 and 998a of the Revised Codes of North Dakota, of 1899, Relating to Patients of the Hospital for the Insane and Powers and Duties of Commissioners of Insanity and Board of Trustees of Said Hospital.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That sections 998 and 998a of the revised codes be amended so as to read as follows:

§ 998. PATIENTS.] All patients of the hospital who are residents of this state, shall receive their board and treatment free of charge, unless in the judgment of the said board of trustees of said hospital the patient's estate is amply sufficient, without hardship to his or her family, to meet the first cost of his board and treatment, or such proportion thereof as said board of trustees of said hospital may by resolution recommend. And it shall be the duty of said board of trustees at each of its regular meetings, by resolution to determine the sufficiency of the estate of each patient admitted to said hospital not theretofore determined upon by said board of trustees, to pay the cost of board and treatment. To enable said board of trustees to determine the sufficiency of such estates, the county commissioners of insanity must inquire into the matter of the estate of such patient, his or her husband or wife, guardian or parents or other person or persons responsible for his or her support. To enable the county board of insanity commissioners to inquire into and report upon this matter their chairman shall subpoena witnesses and shall fully comply with the provisions of section 1526 of the revised codes of 1899. The provisions of this section shall be liberally construed in favor of the applicant for admission to said hospital. The residents of other states or territories may be admitted to the hospital upon payment of the first cost of such board and treatment, as provided by the by-laws adopted by the board of trustees; provided, that no resident of another state or territory shall be received or retained to the exclusion of any resident of this state; provided, further, that should any patient be unwilling to accept gratuitous board and treatment, the

superintendent is authorized to receive pay therefor, and is required to account for the same in an itemized monthly statement to the board of trustees, as donations, to be duly credited to the persons from whom they were received, and if the superintendent shall receive any money for the purpose of furnishing extra attention and comforts to any patient, he shall account for the same and for the expenditure in like manner.

§ 998a. POWERS OF COMMISSIONERS OF INSANITY AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES.] In any case in which, in the judgment of the board of trustees of said hospital, the patient, his or her estate, relatives, parents, guardian or other person responsible for the patient's support, should be required to meet all or any part or portion of the patient's cost for board and treatment aforesaid, such board of trustees are hereby authorized to empower the steward or some other suitable person to collect by suit or otherwise from the estate of such patient or from the husband, parent or guardian of a married woman or minor child, as the case may be, such amount as such board of trustees of said hospital shall deem sufficient, which sum, when collected, shall be paid into the treasury of the state and placed to the debit of the proper hospital fund; provided, it is hereby made the duty of the county commissioners of insanity to faithfully inquire into and report upon the value, kind, quality and quantity of the estate of all inmates sent from their respective counties to said hospital. This provision to apply to any patients from their respective counties during the past six years, whether they now remain in said hospital or not, and it shall be the duty of said board of trustees to apply the provisions of this article to them. And the said patients, their estates, husband, parent or guardian of a married woman or minor child shall be liable for such cost and treatment of such patient, or so much thereof as shall be determined by said board of trustees.

§ 2. REPEAL.] All acts or parts of acts or laws conflicting herewith are hereby repealed.

§ 3. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists in that it is necessary to collect moneys from such patients, their estates, parents or guardians forthwith, this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 12, 1903.

CHAPTER 106.

[H. B. No. 190—Rogers.]

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS TO HOSPITAL FOR INSANE.

AN ACT to Amend Section 1526 of the Revised Codes of North Dakota of 1899, Relating to Interrogatories and Property Statement Pre-requisite to Admission of Patients to Hospital for Insane.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That section 1526 of the revised codes be amended so as to read as follows:

§ 1526. QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED ON APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL.] In each case of application for admission to the hospital, full and correct answers must be given to the following interrogatories, so far as they can be obtained by examination of the patient and other witnesses, and shall accompany the physician's certificate; and if on further examination, after the answers are stated, any of them are found to be erroneous, the commissioners shall cause them to be corrected. All questions under the heading "property statement" must be fully answered and a statement thereof and the certificate accompany the patient before the patient is entitled to admission to the hospital. A failure on the part of the county commissioners of insanity to fully inquire and report upon the property of the patients, their estate or husbands, parents, guardians or relatives, shall be a sufficient excuse for refusal to receive such patients at said hospital:

1. What is the patient's name? Married or single? If any children, how many? Age of youngest child, and age of patient.
2. Where was the patient born?
3. Where is his place of residence?
4. What has been the patient's occupation?
5. Is this the first attack? If not, when did others occur and what was their duration?
6. When were the first symptoms of this attack manifested, and in what way?
7. Does the disease appear to be increasing, decreasing or stationary?
8. Is the disease variable, and are there rational intervals? If so, do they occur at regular periods?
9. On what subject or in what way is derangement now manifested? (State fully.)
10. Has the patient shown any disposition to injure others?
11. Has suicide ever been attempted? If so, in what way? Is the propensity now active?

12. Is there a disposition to filthy habits, destruction of clothing, breaking glass, etc?
13. What relatives, including grandparents and and cousins, have been insane?
14. Did the patient manifest any peculiarities of temper, habits, disposition or pursuits, before becoming insane? Any predominant passion, religious impression, etc?
15. Has the patient been subject to any bodily disease, epilepsy, suppressed eruptions, discharge of sores, or ever had an injury of the head?
16. Was the patient ever addicted to intemperance in any form?
17. Has restraint or confinement been employed? If so, what kind and how long?
18. What is supposed to be the cause of the disease?
19. What treatment has been pursued for the relief of the patient? (Mention particulars and the effect.)
20. State any other matters supposed to have any bearing on the case.

PROPERTY STATEMENT.

..... of being first duly sworn, makes answer to the following questions as herein set forth:

1. What is your name, address and relation to the above insane person?
2. What is the description and value of the real estate of said insane person?
3. What, if any, mortgages are out against it? Give date, amount, rate of interest, and when due and to whom given.
4. What personal property, insurance or money has said insane person? Give full description, stating value of each.
5. What, if any, mortgages are out against said personal property? Give date, amount, when due, and rate of interest.
6. What real estate has the parents of said insane person, if is under 21 years of age?
7. Is same incumbered? If so, give date, amount, and when such incumbrance is due.
8. What personal property, money, grains, etc., have the parents of said insane person?
9. What is the rental value of said real estate of said insane person?
10. What is the saleable value thereof?
11. What is the value of the personal property of said insane person?
12. What is the value of the real estate of the parents of said insane person?
13. What is the value of the personal property of the parents of said insane person?

14. If said insane person is married, give description of his wife's or her husband's real estate. Give value of same.

15. Is it mortgaged? If so, for how much, to whom, when, and when due.

16. Give description and value of personal property of the husband or wife of said insane person.

17. Who is the guardian of said insane person? What, if any, property does he hold belonging to him or her? Give its value.

(Signed).....

I hereby certify that the foregoing was by me duly sworn and that he gave the foregoing answers, and after reading (or having read) the same, made oath that the said answers were true, to the best of his knowledge and belief, and subscribed his name thereto this day of A. D. 190....

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County Judge and Chairman of Commissioners of Insanity in and for County, North Dakota.

CERTIFICATE OF VALUE OF PROPERTY.

In the matter of the insanity of
This is to certify that we.....and.....
and.....the commissioners of insanity of.....
county, have made a thorough examination and faithful investigation as to the property holdings of the above insane person.....
parents or guardian, and attach hereto a duplicate copy of our testimony and we find the property of.....worth.....
dollars.

By order of the insanity board of county, North Dakota.

Dated this.....day of.....190....

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County Judge.
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Member.

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Member.
Approved March 12, 1903.