

# INSANE, FEEBLEMINDED, TUBERCULAR, BLIND AND DEAF

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## CHAPTER 185

S. B. No. 212  
(Morgan, Berube, and Meidinger)

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### QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STATE HOSPITAL

#### AN ACT

To amend and reenact section 25-0205 of the 1949 Supplement to the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943, relating to qualifications of superintendent of the state hospital.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. AMENDMENT.) Section 25-0205 of the 1949 Supplement to the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

25-0205. SUPERINTENDENT TO POSSESS CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS; SALARIES.) The superintendent of the state hospital must be either:

1. A duly licensed physician with at least five years experience in the field of mental health, or
2. A competent executive with at least five years experience in hospital administration.

In the event a physician shall be appointed superintendent, he shall have power to appoint an assistant superintendent, necessary physicians, and all other employees, and define their qualifications and duties; but he may name a personnel director to employ and discharge all employees except physicians. In the event an executive shall be named, he shall designate a duly licensed physician having at least five years experience in the field of mental health as chief of medical staff and such chief of staff shall have full power to employ additional physicians, nurses and professional assistants and shall have full power to define their qualifications and duties but all other employees shall be appointed and removed by the superintendent or a personnel director to be named by him. The salaries

of all employees shall be fixed by the board, within the limits of the legislative appropriation made for such purpose.

Approved March 2, 1953.

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## CHAPTER 186

H. B. No. 843  
(Delayed Bills Committees)

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### VOLUNTARY ADMISSION TO STATE HOSPITAL

#### AN ACT

Relating to the state hospital; providing for the voluntary admission of patients thereto.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. VOLUNTARY ADMISSION TO STATE HOSPITAL.) Any person over 16 years of age desiring to receive treatment at the state hospital may be admitted to such hospital upon his voluntary application, addressed to the superintendent thereof, under such conditions and in such manner as the superintendent may determine. Any person under 16 years of age, if his parent or legal guardian applies in his behalf, may be admitted to such hospital in like manner and upon the same conditions. The superintendent of the state hospital, upon admitting any such person for treatment at the state hospital, shall then detain such person during the time of treatment as though he had been legally committed. If any such person in writing demands his release, the superintendent may detain such person for three days after the date of such demand for release. If the superintendent deems such release not to be for the best interest of such person, his family, or the public, he shall, within said three days, file an application for the legal commitment of such person to the state hospital with the insanity board of the county wherein the state hospital is located. Before admitting any person, as herein provided, the superintendent shall require that such person, his parents or legal guardian agree to pay all such hospital expenses incurred by his treatment and maintenance therein and may require guarantee for such payment.

Approved March 5, 1953.

## CHAPTER 187

S. B. No. 219

(Morgan, Berube, and Meidinger)

QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GRAFTON  
STATE SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact section 25-0403 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943, relating to qualifications of superintendent of the Grafton state school for the feeble-minded.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. AMENDMENT.) Section 25-0403 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

25-0403. QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT.) The superintendent of the Grafton state school for the feeble-minded must be either:

1. A duly licensed physician with at least five years experience in the field of mental health, or
2. A competent executive with at least five years experience in hospital administration.

In the event a physician shall be appointed superintendent, he shall have power to appoint an assistant superintendent, necessary physicians, and all other employees and define their qualifications and duties; but he may name a personnel director to employ and discharge all employees except physicians. In the event an executive shall be named, he shall designate a duly licensed physician having at least five years experience in the field of mental health as chief of medical staff and such chief of staff shall have full power to employ additional physicians, nurses, and professional assistants and shall have full power to define their qualifications and duties but all other employees shall be appointed and removed by the superintendent or a personnel director to be named by him. The salaries of all employees shall be fixed by the board within the limits of the legislative appropriations made for such purpose.

Approved March 2, 1953.

## CHAPTER 188

S. B. No. 220

(Morgan, Berube and Meidinger)

QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT OF THE  
STATE TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact section 25-0502 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943 relating to the qualifications of superintendent of the North Dakota State Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. AMENDMENT.) Section 25-0502 of the Revised Code of 1943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

25-0502. QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT; RECORDS OF PATIENTS; SALARIES.) The superintendent of the North Dakota state tuberculosis sanatorium must be either:

1. A duly licensed physician skilled in caring for and in treating persons who are afflicted with tuberculosis, or
2. A competent executive with at least five years experience in hospital administration.

In the event a physician shall be appointed superintendent, he shall have power to appoint an assistant superintendent, necessary physicians, and all other employees and define their qualifications and duties; but he may name a personnel director to employ and discharge all employees except physicians. In the event an executive shall be named, he shall designate a duly licensed physician having at least five years experience in the care of persons suffering from tuberculosis as chief of medical staff and such chief of staff shall have full power to employ additional physicians, nurses, and professional assistants and shall have full power to define their qualifications and duties, but all other employees shall be appointed and removed by the superintendent or a personnel director to be named by him. He shall cause complete case histories and records to be kept of all persons admitted as patients at the sanatorium, including a record of the period of treatment of each patient. The salaries of all employees shall be fixed by the board within the limits of the legislative appropriations made for such purpose.

Approved March 2, 1953.