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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section two hundred twenty-seven point two (227.2), Code, 1946, relating to the inspection of county and private hospitals for the insane.

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

1 Section 1. Section two hundred twenty-seven point two
2 (227.2), Code, 1946, is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 period in line seven the following: "Inspectors shall be
4 persons who are acquainted with and interested in the handling
5 and care of mental patients and shall be required to consult
6 and advise with the county authorities on plans and practices
7 that will improve the care given patients and shall make such
8 recommendations to the board for co-ordinating and improving
9 the relationships between the stewards of county homes, the
10 board, the superintendents of hospitals and other co-operating
11 agencies, as will make for improved and more satisfactory
12 care of patients."

1 Sec. 2. Section two hundred twenty-seven point two (227.2),
2 Code, 1946, is hereby amended by striking sub-paragraph
3 eight (8) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
4 "8. The recommendations given to and received from

5 county authorities on methods and practices that will improve
6 the conditions under which the county home is operated.

7 9. Such other matters as the board of control may require.”.

1 Sec. 3. Section two hundred twenty-seven point two (227.2),
2 Code, 1946, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

3 “In addition to the aforesaid inspections, the board shall
4 make or cause to be made an inspection of each county home
5 where mental patients are kept at least once each year by a
6 competent psychiatrist employed by the state hospital in the
7 hospital district where the county home is located. Such in-
8 spection shall include an examination of each mental patient
9 which shall reveal the patient’s condition of health and the
10 likelihood of improvement or discharge and such other recommen-
11 dations concerning the care of patients as the inspector deems
12 pertinent. One copy of said inspection report shall be filed
13 with the board, one copy mailed to the county board of supervi-
14 sors and one copy mailed to the steward of the home inspected.”.