

January 23, 1963.  
County and Township Affairs.

**House File 56**  
By SERSLAND, MESSERLY  
and PRINE.

Passed House, Date 4-3-63

Passed Senate, Date 3-28-63

Vote: Ayes 89 Nays 0

Vote: Ayes 44 Nays 5

Approved 4-8-63 *Public Health, Pass 3/13*

## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the establishment of community mental health centers.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section two hundred thirty point twenty-four
- 2 (230.24), Code, 1962, is hereby amended by adding thereto
- 3 the following:
- 4 An incorporated mental health center representing one
- 5 or more counties having a combined population in excess
- 6 of forty thousand as of the last federal census, desiring
- 7 to establish a new community mental health center sponsored
- 8 by the Iowa mental health authority, may request the county
- 9 board of supervisors of the county having the mental health
- 10 center and each affiliating county to make an appropriation
- 11 not to exceed twenty-five cents per capita from funds
- 12 available to establish such center. Such appropriation
- 13 shall not be recurring and shall not be applicable to any
- 14 established mental health center.

### EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 56

There are currently 12 community mental health centers serving 28 counties. Several counties have expressed need and desire for new mental health centers. This legislation will enable the communities to administer psychiatric service.

HOUSE FILE 56

- 1 Amend House File 56 as follows:
- 2 Amend Section one (1), line three (3) by striking
- 3 everything after the colon and inserting in lieu thereof
- 4 the following:
- 5 "A county, or affiliated counties, desiring to
- 6 establish an incorporated mental health center and having
- 7 a total or combined population in excess of forty thousand
- 8 (40,000), according to the last federal census, may establish
- 9 such new mental health center in conjunction with the Iowa
- 10 mental health authority, and the board of supervisors of
- 11 each such county is authorized to expend therefor an amount
- 12 equal to, but not to exceed, two hundred fifty dollars
- 13 (\$250) per thousand population or major fraction thereof.
- 14 Such appropriation shall not be recurring and shall not be
- 15 applicable to any mental health center established prior
- 16 to January 1, 1963."

Filed *Sept 2* COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP AFFAIRS,  
February 8, 1963. HILLMAN SERSLAND, *Chairman.*

HOUSE FILE 56

- 1 Amend House File 56, section 1, line 6, by striking the
- 2 words and figures "forty thousand (40,000)" and inserting in
- 3 lieu thereof the words and figures "thirty-five thousand
- 4 (35,000)".

Filed  
March 20, 1963.

*adopted 3/28 House concurred 4/3*

By HILL