

February 21, 1963.
Place on Calendar.

House File 316
By BOARD OF CONTROL COMMITTEE.

Passed House, Date 3-20-63

Passed Senate, Date 5-3-63

Vote: Ayes 99 Nays 0

Vote: Ayes 41 Nays 0

Approved.....5-9-63

*passed on file 3/20
Board of Control 3/20
Sifting Com. Cal. 5/2*

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to orders to return mental patients on convalescent leave to the hospital, and providing for payment of travel expenses incurred.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section two hundred twenty-eight point eleven
- 2 (228.11), Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding thereto the
- 3 following new paragraph:
- 4 "When the commission orders the return of a patient who is
- 5 on leave from a mental health institute, such notification
- 6 from the commission of hospitalization or superintendent of
- 7 the mental health institute from which the patient is on leave
- 8 to any peace officer of the state or to any private person
- 9 shall be sufficient authority for such officer or person to take
- 10 and return such patient to the respective mental health
- 11 institute. Compensation and expenses incurred in executing an
- 12 order to return a patient shall be allowed in the same manner
- 13 as other transportation expenses."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 316

Patients are placed on "convalescent leave" in custody of a sponsor, who agrees to return the patient to the institution if necessary, or if instructed to do so by the superintendent or the board of control.

Occasionally a patient becomes so disturbed the sponsor is unable to return him to the hospital. The sheriff, or other peace officer, is usually called, but hesitates to intercede because the patient is on leave. The purpose of this proposed change is to provide authority for any peace officer or private person to return a patient to the hospital when the leave sponsor is unable or unwilling to do so, and the proper order is issued by the commission of hospitalization or the peace officer or private person is notified by the superintendent of the mental health institute to return the patient to such institute.