

(Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred ninety-eight), entitled "An act for the prevention and treatment of mental diseases, mental defect, epilepsy, and inebriety; regulating the admission and commitment of mental patients to hospitals for mental diseases and institutions for mental defectives and epileptics; governing the transfer, discharge, interstate rendition, and deportation of mental patients; providing for the payment by individuals, counties, or the Commonwealth of the cost of the admission, care, and discharge of mental patients; and imposing penalties," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 406. Any proper court shall have the power and authority to order and compel the discharge of any mental patient committed by such court to any mental hospital if, upon hearing, it shall be made to appear that such discharge is for the best interests of the patient and not incompatible with the public welfare and safety. In making any such order, if it is not in accordance with the expressed opinion of the physician in charge of the hospital, the court shall set forth the reasons for its decision, which reasons shall be part of said order, and the said order and reasons and the opinion of the physician in charge of the said hospital shall be entered in the clinical record of the patient: *Provided, however, That the court may, at its discretion, admit in evidence the sworn statement of the physician in charge of the hospital, his assistant, or the physician in charge of the patient, as to the condition of the patient, without the necessity of the appearance and personal examination of such physician.*

Section 406, act of July 11, 1923 (P. L. 998), amended.

Discharge by court.

Hearing.

Reasons for decision to be part of order.

Sworn statement of physician.

APPROVED—The 23d day of May, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 199

AN ACT

Fixing the salaries of directors of the poor in counties of the second class:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the salary of each of the directors of the poor in counties of the second class shall be three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) per annum.

Section 2. The act approved the fifth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, fifty-one), entitled "An act fixing the salaries of county poor directors in counties of over one million population and less than one million three hundred thousand population," is hereby repealed. All other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Counties of second class.

Directors of the poor.

Salaries.

Act of April 5, 1917 (P. L. 51), repealed.

General repeal.

APPROVED—The 23d day of May, A. D. 1933.

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