

physician, be removed forthwith from the institution by the person requesting his reception and, if he is not so removed, such person shall be liable for all reasonable expenses incurred under the provisions of this act on account of the patient, which may be recovered by the institution in an action of contract.

Said superintendent or physician shall cause every patient to be duly committed according to law, provided he shall not sign a request to remain as a voluntary patient, or to be removed therefrom before the expiration of said period of ten days.

All reasonable expense incurred for the examination of the patient, for his transportation to the institution and for his support therein, shall be allowed, certified and paid according to the laws providing for similar expenses in the commitment and support of the insane.

VOLUNTARY COMMITMENT.

The superintendent or physician in charge of any institution public, private or incorporated to which an insane person may be committed, may receive and detain therein as a boarder and patient any person who is desirous of submitting himself to treatment, and who makes written application therefor, and whose mental condition in the opinion of the superintendent or physician in charge is such as to render him competent to make the application. Such superintendent or physician shall give immediate notice of the reception of such voluntary patient to the State Board of Insanity (or insert the proper title of the state supervising board).

Such patient shall not be detained for more than ten days after having given notice in writing of his intention or desire to leave the institution.

The charges for support of such voluntary patient shall be governed by the laws or rules applicable to the support of an insane person in such institution.

COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Section 1. Every state institution, to which an insane, feeble-minded, or epileptic person may be committed, shall appoint a physician experienced in the care of such persons, also the necessary assistants to such physician, and shall organize and administer under his direction to a department for community service in the district served by the institution. The duties of said department shall be:

First—The supervision and assistance of patients who have left the institution with a view to their safe care at home, suitable employment and self-support under good working and living conditions, and prevention of their relapse and return to public dependency.