

## THE MENTAL PATIENTS LAW.

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## MENTAL PATIENTS REGULATIONS.

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1. These regulations may be cited as the Mental Patients Regulations, and are hereinafter referred to as "these regulations".

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

"Attendants" means the persons appointed by the Governor to perform the duties of Attendants;

"Director" means the Director of Medical and Health Services and includes any officer performing for the time being the duties of the Director;

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"Law" means the Mental Patients Law, or any Law amending or substituted for the same;

"mental hospital" means the building, ground and other premises heretofore known as the Lunatic Asylum appointed to be a mental hospital by the Proclamation of the Governor dated the 1st day of May, 1932, and published under Notification No. 371 in the *Gazette* of the 6th May, 1932;

"Mental Nurses" means the persons appointed by the Governor to perform the duties of Mental Nurses;

"Medical Superintendent" means the medical officer in charge of the mental hospital;

"Occupational Therapist" means the person appointed by the Governor to perform the duties of Occupational Therapist;

"patient" means any mental patient or criminal mental patient confined in the mental hospital;

"Senior Attendant" means the person appointed by the Governor to perform the duties of Senior Attendant;

"Welfare Assistants" means the persons appointed by the Governor to perform the duties of Welfare Assistants.

*Medical Superintendent.*

3. The Medical Superintendent shall, subject to the control of the Director, have charge of all arrangements in the mental hospital.

4. The Medical Superintendent shall be responsible for the safe custody, general comfort, feeding, clothing and medical treatment of the patients, for the cleanliness and general administration of the mental hospital, the discipline of the patients and the staff therein and for the observance of these regulations.

5. The Medical Superintendent shall—

(a) visit the mental hospital every day and record his visit in a book kept for that purpose:

Provided that he shall be under no obligation to visit the mental hospital on Sundays and on public holidays unless he is called for urgent cases;

(b) during each visit see every patient confined to his cell or under restraint;

(c) pay surprise visits between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. at least once in every month;

- (d) on admission of a patient to the mental hospital send a notification thereof to the Director, giving particulars of the condition of the patient and of the circumstances which occasioned his confinement therein ;
  - (e) submit, from time to time, to the Director the names of any patients other than criminal mental patients who in his opinion ought to be discharged from the mental hospital ;
  - (f) submit to the Director a quarterly report on any criminal mental patient who in his opinion is fit to be discharged from the mental hospital ;
  - (g) submit to the Director before the last day of January in every year a report in such form as the Director may direct on the working of the mental hospital and the general conditions prevailing therein during the year preceding such report.
6. The Medical Superintendent shall keep the following books and records in such form as the Director may from time to time direct :—
- (a) A Register of patients showing the name, date of admission, description of the disease, the date of the discharge from the mental hospital or of the death of any patient confined in the mental hospital ;
  - (b) A Register of property containing an inventory of all articles taken from any patient on his admission to the mental hospital ;
  - (c) An Inventory of the furniture in the mental hospital belonging to the Government ;
  - (d) A Day-book wherein to enter all occurrences other than the usual routine ordinary occurrences ;
  - (e) A Visiting Book showing the names of all relatives or friends of a patient visiting him in the mental hospital ;
  - (f) A Visitors' Book wherein the official visitors may enter any observations on the working of, and the conditions in, the mental hospital ;
  - (g) A Minute Book wherein the particulars of all meetings of the official visitors may be recorded.

*Senior Attendant.*

7. The Senior Attendant shall reside, if so ordered by the Director in the apartments provided for him in the mental hospital.

8.—(1) The Senior Attendant shall be responsible for the financial administration of the mental hospital.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation "financial administration" means :—

- (a) The provision of stores for the mental hospital and foodstuffs for the mental patients and staff ;
- (b) The proper keeping of books relating to the above ;
- (c) The keeping of books relating to patients' property ;
- (d) The keeping of a visiting book as in Regulation 6 (e) provided.

9. The Senior Attendant shall have supervision over the domestic staff such as cooks, cleaners, laundymistress and barber and shall be empowered to suspend in consultation with the Medical Superintendent any member of the domestic staff guilty of any misconduct or neglect of duty, subject to the approval of the Director, who may confirm or cancel the said suspension or give such directions in the matter as he may think fit.

10. The Senior Attendant shall be responsible to the Medical Superintendent for the proper running of the kitchen, barber's shop or any other premises which come under his jurisdiction.

11. The Senior Attendant shall carry out such duties as the Medical Superintendent may from time to time direct.