

WESTERN STATE PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE AND CLINIC
Act of Jun. 23, 1931, P.L. 1199, No. 324
AN ACT

Cl. 50

For the acceptance of a site from the University of Pittsburgh, and for surveys and the preparation of preliminary plans and estimates for a Western State Psychiatric Hospital; providing for the erection, construction, and equipment of said hospital when appropriations are made available, and for its management by the Department of Welfare.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Department of Property and Supplies hereby authorized to acquire in the name of the Commonwealth, by gift from the University of Pittsburgh, a suitable site for a Western State Psychiatric Institute and Clinic on the campus of or in the neighborhood of the University of Pittsburgh.

The said department shall, upon the acquisition of said site, proceed with preliminary surveys, plans and estimates for the construction and equipment of a Western State Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, and for the improvement of the grounds connected therewith, in the manner provided by the Administrative Code of 1929. Such plans shall be subject to approval by the Department of Welfare. The cost of such preliminary surveys, plans and estimates shall be payable out of current maintenance funds of the Department of Property and Supplies, but shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25.000).

(1 amended Apr. 17, 1945, P.L.246, No.109)

Section 2. The Department of Property and Supplies shall proceed, as soon as funds are made available therefor by appropriation, with the erection, construction and equipment of said Western State Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, which shall be sufficient to accommodate at least one hundred and fifty psychiatric patients and at least two hundred daily visits of psychiatric out-patients.

Upon the completion of said hospital, it shall be turned over to the Department of Welfare for management and the care, maintenance and treatment of psychiatric patients selected by the Department of Welfare, and for research and the training of medical and other personnel in mental diseases, mental defects and their complications. The superintendent of such hospital shall at all times be a physician of experience in the treatment of mental disease and mental defect.

(2 amended Apr. 17, 1945, P.L.246, No.109)

Section 3. In lieu of procedure by the Department of Property and Supplies for obtaining and paying for preliminary surveys, plans, and estimates for the construction of the said hospital, and the improvement of the grounds connected therewith, and for the erection and financing of the erection of the same, the Secretary of Property and Supplies may convey the tract, so acquired, in fee to the General State Authority, and in such case, the Department of Property and Supplies, upon the undertaking by the General State Authority of the construction

of a building or buildings for the said hospital, may enter into a contract to lease, as lessee, and, upon completion by the Authority of such construction, shall enter into a lease, as lessee, of the same for a period of not exceeding thirty (30) years, at an annual rental to be fixed and determined by the Authority, and, upon the commencement of the term of the said lease, the Department of Property and Supplies shall turn over the said hospital to the Department of Welfare for management, and for the care, maintenance, and treatment of psychiatric patients, pursuant to the intent of the act hereby amended.

(3 added June 21, 1937, P.L.1947, No.377)

Section 4. All patients who are classified as private or full-pay patients, transferred from the State-owned mental hospitals to the Western State Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, shall pay only the per capita cost of maintenance which they paid at the hospital from which transferred or which applies to the hospital serving the district in which such patients have a legal residence.

(4 amended Apr. 17, 1945, P.L.246, No.109)