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CHAPTER 199

AN ACT to amend 51.22 (5) of the statutes, relating to permanent discharge of mentally deficient or epileptic patients.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

51.22 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

51.22 (5) The superintendent of either school *or central state hospital*, with the approval of the department, or the superintendent of any county hospital, with the approval of the visiting physician, may permanently discharge from custody (which shall not be considered a legal restoration of competency) any mentally deficient or epileptic person who has been on a temporary discharge for one year or more, and who has continued to demonstrate fitness to be at large. Notice of such permanent discharge shall be filed with the committing judge by the superintendent. After permanent discharge, if it becomes necessary for such person to have further institutional care and treatment, a new commitment must be obtained, following the procedure for original commitment.

Approved June 8, 1955.
