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CHAPTER 320.

AN ACT to define and limit the powers and duties of the State Board of Supervision.

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

SECTION 1. The State Board of Supervision, a majority of whom shall be a quorum for the trans-
 action of any business which may come before them as such, may, at any time, order and compel the discharge of any person committed to, or confined in any public or private hospital or asylum for the insane, or restrained of his liberty by reason of alleged insanity at any place within this state, and direct what disposition shall be made of such person; provided, however, that an order for such discharge shall not be made in the case of any person committed pending a trial in criminal proceedings against him, or by an order of a judge or court made in such proceedings, nor in any case unless notice be given to the superintendent or other person having charge of the building in which the alleged insane person is detained, and reasonable opportunity allowed to justify further detention.

Power and duties of board defined.

SECTION 2. Upon the receipt of the order provided for in the preceding section, or a duplicate or copy thereof, by the superintendent or other person having charge of the building in which the person named in said order may be, he shall be forthwith discharged or otherwise disposed of, as may be specified in said order, and any further or other detention or restraint of said person shall be unlawful.

Duty upon receipt of order.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 6, 1885.