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CHAPTER 66.

AN ACT to amend 51.21 (3) (a) of the statutes, relating to psychiatric treatment for prisoners.

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

51.21 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

51.21 (3) (a) When the physician of any state prison or home for women or state reformatory or county jail or a psychiatrist of the department reports in writing to the officer in charge thereof that any prisoner is, in his opinion, mentally ill or infirm or deficient or epileptic, such officer shall make a written report to the department. Thereupon the department may transfer the prisoner (if male) to the central state hospital or (if female) to the Winnebago state hospital; and if the prisoner's term has not expired, the department may order his return in the event that it is satisfied that he has recovered. *When a prisoner is removed to central state hospital or Winnebago state hospital, the superintendent thereof may cause such treatments to be administered as in his judgment are necessary or beneficial.*

Approved April 16, 1953.