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~~state hospital; governing board~~
(now: state hospital; bed availability)

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SENATE BILL 1813

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-202, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA STATE HOSPITAL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 36-202, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 36-202. Arizona state hospital; purpose; facilities and
5 equipment

6 A. A state hospital shall be maintained ~~for the~~ TO care FOR and
7 ~~treatment of~~ TREAT persons with mental disorders and persons with other
8 personality disorders or emotional conditions who will benefit from care
9 and treatment. Admissions to the state hospital shall be in accordance
10 with law. THE STATE HOSPITAL SHALL ADMIT PATIENTS BASED ON CLINICAL NEED
11 FOR TREATMENT AND SHALL NOT PLACE ANY LIMIT ON ADMISSION BASED ON A
12 PATIENT'S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE. The hospital shall be called the Arizona
13 state hospital.

14 B. Subject to legislative appropriation, the state hospital may
15 provide services to persons WHO ARE suffering from alcoholism and ~~to~~
16 ~~persons suffering~~ from drug abuse.

17 C. The state hospital shall have adequate facilities and equipment
18 for enlightened and scientific treatment of nervous and mental diseases in
19 accordance with approved methods of mental therapeutics. The facilities
20 shall include, among other things:

21 1. Facilities for medical and psychiatric treatment with special
22 attention to occupational therapy and other special therapies.

23 2. Facilities for proper segregation and care of child patients.

24 3. Facilities for recreation and physical training.

25 4. An institutional library for the use of patients.

26 5. A properly equipped dental department.

27 6. A properly equipped laboratory and x-ray department.

28 7. A patient tracking system approved by the director that monitors
29 individual progress on an inpatient basis and ensures suitable aftercare
30 placement.

31 D. The state hospital shall be under the charge and control of the
32 director of the department of health services, pursuant to this article.