

an examination of all the records and methods of administration as relate to patients, the general and special dietary and treatment of any patients confined therein, especially where admitted since the preceding visit, giving such as may desire it suitable opportunity to converse with the visitors privately.

21. It shall be mandatory upon the officers or others in charge of such institutions under the supervision of the Commission to furnish all information that may be requested by said Commission or its secretary, and give free access to any member thereof and to the secretary of said Commission to visit the insane or feeble-minded in their keeping; any refusal to do so on the part of anyone shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, in the discretion of the court in which the case may be tried. Any member of the Commission or its secretary may visit any sanitarium or other institution where sick or infirm persons are received, cared for or treated, for compensation or free, for the purpose of ascertaining whether insane persons are confined therein without authority and contrary to the provisions of the law. All persons having charge of and connected with any such sanitarium or institution shall permit any member of the Commission or its secretary to have full access to any portion thereof, and shall give such information and afford such facilities for the inspection and inquiry as the member of the Commission or its secretary making such visit may require.

22. The Lunacy Commission is empowered by this Act to issue compulsory process for the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, to administer oaths and examine persons under oath, and exercise the same powers as belong to a justice of the peace in all cases where, from evidence laid before them, there is reason to believe that any person is wrongfully deprived of his or her liberty, or had been cruelly, improperly or negligently treated in any place or institution or almshouse; but in all cases in which said Commission shall take action or determine any question affecting any insane person or persons supposed to be insane, or any institution in which such insane or supposed insane person is confined, the managers of said institution shall have the same right to appeal from said action or determination of said Commission as is now allowed by law in cases instituted before justices of the peace of the State; the Commission shall be empowered to present the offenders before the grand jury of the city or county in which such offense may have occurred.

23. The Commission shall annually report to the Governor in the month of December its acts and proceedings; also a report of all the different institutions, public and private, and