

for treatment, whether public, corporate or private, or almshouse, shall, within ten days after the reception of such patient or person, make or cause to be made a description of such case in a book kept exclusively for the purpose; they shall also make entries from time to time of the mental condition of such patient or person so confined.

1886, ch. 487, sec. 35.

34. The said lunacy commission shall be vested with all the functions and powers of law now in force relating to the office and duties of coroner, in so far as the same may relate to cases of death occurring in any institution in this State where insane persons are kept.

Ibid. sec. 36.

35. Every person confined in such places as are hereinbefore mentioned, shall be furnished at all times with paper, envelopes, stamps, pen and ink or pencil; shall at all times have access by correspondence with the lunacy commission, and some one other person whom such lunatic may designate, every month, under seal, which communication shall be forwarded by the officer, superintendent or keeper, who may be in charge of such person or place; and any such officer, superintendent or keeper who shall fail to forward such communication shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine or imprisonment, in the judgment of the court before which such case may be tried.

Ibid. sec. 37.

36. The detention of any person in any one of the said places or receptacles for the insane, without compliance with these regulations, shall be a misdemeanor on the part of such person so violating such regulations, and such person shall also be liable for damages.

Ibid. sec. 38.

37. Any person believing himself to be mentally diseased and approaching a state of insanity, and being advised by his attending physician that such is his condition, may voluntarily commit himself to any lawfully authorized institution for the insane, to be detained for the time specified by written agreement, signed by such person in the presence of a friend or relative or