

25. The Department of Mental Hygiene is empowered 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 Department 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 Department as is now allowed by law in cases instituted before justices of the peace of the State; the Department shall be empowered to present the offenders before the grand jury of the city or county in which such offense may have occurred.

26. The Commissioner shall report annually to the Governor as promptly as possible after December 31st his acts and proceedings; also make a report of all the different institutions, public and private, and whether corporate or under individual management or control, including almshouses and county asylums where the insane or feeble-minded are kept. The report shall include a concise review of the work of the several institutions under the supervision of the Department for the year preceding, and such suggestions and recommendations as to said institutions and as to the general interests of all persons under its supervision as he considers expedient, and information embodying the experience of this country and other countries relative to the best and most successful methods of caring for such persons as come under the supervision of the Department.

30. No person or institution licensed by the State Department of Health to establish, conduct, maintain or operate a hospital, shall receive or detain any person committed under Section 34 of this Article without first obtaining a license therefor from the Department of Mental Hygiene.

31. Every application for such license shall be accompanied by a statement giving the number of patients, male and female, to be provided for and such other details and information as the Department of Mental Hygiene may think proper to require to enable it to decide as to the propriety of issuing such license. The said Department is hereby authorized to grant or refuse such license and said Depart-