

Opening, *e. c.*, of
roads by court.

Approval of com-
missioners.

any court of quarter sessions, for the laying out, opening, changing, vacating, widening, or altering of a road any part of which lies within a township of the first class, such road shall not be laid out, opened, changed, vacated, widened, or altered, unless and until the board of commissioners of such township shall have passed a resolution consenting and approving thereto, and shall have filed with the clerk of said court a copy of such resolution, duly certified by the township secretary.

APPROVED—The 16th day of May, A. D. 1921.

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No. 272.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an act, approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and seventy-nine), entitled "An act to provide for the selection of a site and the erection of a State asylum for the chronic insane, to be called the State Asylum for the Chronic Insane of Pennsylvania, and making an appropriation therefor"; providing for the quarantine, and for the reception, detention, care, and treatment, at said asylum, of persons suffering with syphilis, and for their commitment thereto; and providing for the payment of the cost of commitment, care, and maintenance of such persons, in the same manner as insane persons.

State Asylum
for Chronic
Insane.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in addition to the reception, detention, care, and treatment of chronic insane, the "State Asylum for the Chronic Insane of Pennsylvania," erected, operated, and maintained under the provisions of an act, approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred ninety-one (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and seventy-nine), entitled "An act to provide for the selection of a site and the erection of a State asylum for the chronic insane, to be called the State Asylum for the Chronic Insane of Pennsylvania, and making an appropriation therefor," shall be devoted also to the reception, detention, care, and treatment of persons afflicted with syphilis.

Reception, *etc.*,
of persons having
syphilis.

Duty of trustees
to provide accom-
modations.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the board of trustees of said institution to provide for the accommodation of persons afflicted with syphilis who shall be sent or committed thereto, in the manner provided for in this act. Such accommodations may be provided in the present buildings or in such building or buildings as may hereafter be erected by the board of trustees in accordance with appropriations made by the General Assembly for such purposes.

Commitment to of
persons afflicted.

Section 3. Any person afflicted with syphilis who is an inmate of any State hospital for the insane or any almshouse or poorhouse, may be committed to the State Asylum for the Chronic Insane of Pennsylvania by and with the authority and permission of the Board of Public Charities. It shall be lawful for the Com-

missioner of Health to send to said asylum any person who is suffering with syphilis and who voluntarily agrees to become an inmate of said asylum. Any person suffering with syphilis who shall refuse voluntarily to become an inmate of said asylum and there to undergo treatment, and who is considered a menace to the public health of any community by the Commissioner of Health of the Commonwealth or by any board, bureau, or department of health, may be quarantined by the Commissioner of Health or by a health officer of a duly constituted board, bureau, or department of health of any city, borough, or township, in accordance with the laws of this Commonwealth, and, upon such quarantine, may be removed and committed to said asylum by the Commissioner of Health or such health officer, there to undergo treatment and to remain until discharged in accordance with this act.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the board of trustees of such asylum to receive and detain, for care and treatment, all persons afflicted with syphilis who shall be sent or committed to said asylum under the provisions of this act. **The cost of the commitment, care and maintenance of such persons shall be paid, in the same manner and at the same rate, by the Commonwealth and by the several poor districts, or by such person, his or her guardian or committee, or by his or her husband, wife, father, mother, or children, if of ability to pay, as is provided for by law in the case of insane persons committed to State institutions for the insane**

Care and treatment of patients

Cost of maintenance, etc.

Section 5. The treatment of all persons afflicted with syphilis in said asylum shall be under the control and supervision of the Commissioner of Health, and, for such purposes, he shall have authority to employ such physicians, experts, clerks, and assistants, as may be deemed necessary, and to fix their compensation. The compensation of such physicians, experts, clerks, and assistants shall be paid from appropriations made by the General Assembly to the Department of Health for such purposes. The authorities of said asylum shall have the control of, supervision over, and the care of, all such persons afflicted with syphilis, in the same manner as in the case of insane persons, except with regard to the supervision over the medical treatment and discharge.

Powers of Commissioner of Health.

Powers of asylum authorities.

Section 6. All persons afflicted with syphilis sent or committed to said asylum shall be discharged from said institution only upon the certificate of the Commissioner of Health, setting forth that such person has been cured or that he or she is no longer considered a menace to the health of the community.

Discharge from asylum.

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