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IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL NO. 254

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the commitment of insane persons, amending Sec. 66-13-78, ACLA 1949; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

Section 1. Section 66-13-78, ACLA 1949 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 66-13-78. STATEMENT AS TO DEFENSE OF INSANITY: COMMITMENT TO INSTITUTION [ASYLUM]. That if the defense be the insanity of the defendant the jury must be instructed, if they find him not guilty on that ground, to state that fact in their verdict, and the court must thereupon, if it deems his being at large dangerous to the public peace or safety, order him to be committed to any institution [LUNATIC ASYLUM] authorized by the Commissioner of Health and Welfare [UNITED STATES] to receive and keep such persons until he become sane or be otherwise discharged therefrom by authority of law.

Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.