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[CHAPTER 217]

AN ACT

July 2, 1945
[S. 463]
[Public Law 110]

To amend section 927 of the Code of Law of the District of Columbia, relating to insane criminals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 927 of an Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended, relating to insane criminals, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

D. C. Code, amendment.
31 Stat. 1340.
D. C. Code § 24-301.

"SEC. 927. INSANE CRIMINALS.—When any person tried upon an indictment or information for an offense or tried in the juvenile court of the District of Columbia for an offense, is acquitted on the sole ground that he was insane at the time of its commission, that fact shall be set forth by the jury in their verdict; and whenever a person is indicted or is charged by an information for an offense, or is charged in the juvenile court of the District of Columbia with an offense, and before trial or after a verdict of guilty, it shall appear to the court, from prima facie evidence submitted to the court or from the evidence adduced at the trial, that the accused is then of unsound mind, the court may order the accused committed to the Gallinger Municipal Hospital for a period not exceeding thirty days, which period may be extended by the court for good cause shown, for examination and observation by the psychiatric staff of said hospital. If, after examination and observation, the said psychiatric staff shall report that in their opinion the accused is insane, the court may cause a jury to be impaneled from the jurors then in attendance on the court or, if the regular jurors have been discharged, may cause a sufficient number of jurors to be drawn to inquire into the sanity of the accused, and said inquiry shall be conducted in the presence and under the direction of the court. If the jury shall find the accused to be then insane, or if an accused person shall be acquitted by the jury solely on the ground of insanity, the court may certify the fact to the Federal Security Administrator, who may order such person to be confined in the hospital for the insane, and said person and his estate shall be charged with the expense of his support in the said hospital. The person whose sanity is in question shall be entitled to his bill of exceptions and an appeal as in other cases."

Insanity at time offense committed.

Committal to Gallinger Municipal Hospital for observation.

Procedure, if accused reported insane.

Approved July 2, 1945.

[CHAPTER 218]

AN ACT

July 2, 1945
[H. R. 688]
[Public Law 111]

To amend the joint resolution of January 27, 1942, entitled "Joint resolution to enable the United States to become an adhering member of the Inter-American Statistical Institute."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to enable the United States to become an adhering member of the Inter-American Statistical Institute", approved January 27, 1942, is amended by striking out the two provisos contained therein and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "*Provided*, That (1) the membership dues of the United States payable for any fiscal year shall not be paid unless, during the preceding

Inter-American Statistical Institute.

56 Stat. 20.
22 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 269d.

Conditional payment of membership dues.