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BOOK 34-A
Mental Deficiency Law

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STATE OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE } ss:

In pursuance of the authority vested in me, by section 932 of the Code of Civil Procedure, I, Francis M. Hugo, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the copies of the laws contained in this volume are correct transcripts of the text of the original laws, and in accordance with such section are entitled to be read in evidence.

Given under my hand and the seal of office of the Secretary of State, at the Capitol in the City of Albany, this 30th day of October, 1917.

[L. S.]

FRANCIS M. HUGO,
Secretary of State.

MENTAL DEFICIENCY LAW

LAWS 1919, CHAP. 633

AN ACT in relation to mental defectives, constituting chapter seventy-one of the consolidated laws.

Became a law May 14, 1919, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

MENTAL DEFICIENCY LAW

CHAPTER 71 OF THE CONSOLIDATED LAWS

ARTICLE 1.

SHORT TITLE; DEFINITIONS.

§ 1. Short title. This chapter shall be known as the "Mental Deficiency Law."

§ 2. Definitions. When used in this chapter:

1. "Poor person" means a person who is unable to support himself and having no one legally liable and able to support him;

2. "Indigent person" means a person who has not sufficient property to support himself nor the members of his family lawfully dependent upon him for support;

3. "Institution" means any hospital, school, asylum, colony, building, house or retreat authorized by law to have the care, training or custody of the mentally defective;

4. "Inmate" means a mentally defective person committed to an institution according to the provisions of this chapter;

5. "Mental defective" means any person afflicted with mental defectiveness from birth or from an early age to such an extent that he is incapable of managing himself and his affairs, who for his own welfare or the welfare of others or of the community requires supervision, control or care, and who is not insane or of unsound mind to such an extent as to require his commitment to an institution for the insane as provided by the insanity law;

6. "Commission," when used in this chapter, means the state commission for mental defectives.