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**CHAPTER 361.**

AN ACT to provide for the establishment of a state tuberculosis sanatorium.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**Sanatorium established.** SECTION 1. There is hereby established a sanatorium known as the Wisconsin State Tuberculosis Sanatorium for the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis, especially for cases in the incipient stages of this disease.

**Advisory board.** SECTION 2. The general supervision and government of this sanatorium, except the financial supervision, shall be vested in an advisory board, which shall consist of five members appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a member of the state board of health and at least two other members shall be licensed physicians, graduates of a reputable medical college, and who shall hold their offices for the terms of one, two, three, four and five years respectively, beginning with the first day of July, 1905, and continuing until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. Previous to the first day of July in each year thereafter, the governor shall in like manner appoint one member to hold office for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of July of the year of his appointment and continuing until his successor is appointed and qualified. Any member of the advisory board may be removed by the governor for such cause as he may deem sufficient, and any vacancy occurring from any cause in said board shall be filled as hereinbefore provided for the unexpired term. No member of the advisory board shall receive any compensation for his services, but all expenses incurred in the discharge of his official duties shall be paid from the current expense fund of the institution upon the presentation of vouchers properly certified.

**Duties of advisory board; of state board of control.** SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the advisory board to select a site for the sanatorium, such site to be selected from the list of eligible locations to be submitted by the state tuberculosis commission,

which was appointed in compliance with joint resolution No. 12, of the legislature of 1903. All matters pertaining to the financial management of the sanatorium, including the purchase of a site, the erection and equipping of buildings, together with all matter relating to the financial affairs of the sanatorium shall be under the immediate direction of the state board of control, but no contracts for the erection of such buildings shall be made until the advisory board has approved the same, and no expenditures shall be incurred except for plans therefor, until said plans have been approved by the state board of control, and no such approval shall be given until the state board of control is satisfied that the total expenditures for the erection and completion of the buildings and equipment of the same, ready for occupancy, together with the real estate purchase, will not exceed the sum of money hereinafter appropriated for that purpose.

**Superintendent, medical assistants, and other employes; annual report, printing of.** SECTION 4. The appointment and removal of the superintendent of the sanatorium shall be made by the advisory board, but his compensation shall be fixed by the state board of control. The superintendent of the sanatorium shall appoint, subject to the approval of the advisory board, such medical assistance as the advisory board may consider necessary. All other employes necessary for the efficient management of the institution shall be selected by the superintendent. The number of such employes and the compensation for all such medical assistants and employes shall be determined by the state board of control. The superintendent shall have general charge of the sanatorium grounds and the direction, control and discipline of all persons, employes and patients. He shall maintain salutary discipline among all employes and patients of the sanatorium and enforce strict obedience to all rules and regulations of the institution. All rules and regulations relating to the conduct of patients and employes shall be formulated by the superintendent, subject to the approval of the advisory board. The superintendent shall cause complete records to be kept of all persons admitted as patients—which records shall show the period of treatment of each patient—and shall submit to the state board of control monthly reports of the institution in such form as the state board of control may require. The superintendent shall also submit a biennial report to the state board of control, giving in detail the methods of treatment of patients, the results accomplished, and

a general account of the conditions existing at the institution. Such report shall be included in and made a part of the biennial report of the state board of control, and said board of control may authorize the printing of a number of copies of the separate report of said institution, which number shall not exceed one thousand copies—the charges for such separate copies to be paid in the same manner as reports of the various departments of state are now paid.

**Duties of state board of control.** SECTION 5. The duties of the state board of control with reference to this institution shall be similar to the duties prescribed by chapter 291 of the statutes of 1898 in reference in state institutions, except as otherwise specifically provided herein.

**Appropriation.** SECTION 6. To carry into effect the purposes specified in this act, there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase of a site, the construction and erection of all necessary buildings, the equipment and furnishing of the same, complete and ready for occupancy, the sum of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000), to be available in such amounts and at such times as the state board of control may direct. There is also appropriated for the current expenses of said sanatorium a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), which shall be available whenever the state board of control so directs.

**Admission to sanatorium.** SECTION 7. All persons affected with pulmonary tuberculosis may be admitted to said hospital, but preference shall be given to those suffering from the disease in the incipient form. No person shall be so admitted unless he has been a resident of the state for a period of at least one year preceding his application for admission. Applicants for admission to the sanatorium shall be examined at various places throughout the state, designated by the advisory board. Such examinations shall be made by the regularly authorized medical examiner or examiners of said institution, who shall be a citizen or citizens of Wisconsin, and whose duty it shall be to examine all persons applying for admission to the sanatorium. The fee of the examining physician shall not exceed four dollars (\$4.00) in any case, said amount to be paid by the applicant. If the applicant is unable to pay such fee, then such fee shall be a charge against the county in which the patient resides. Said examining physician shall be appointed by the advisory board.

**Cost of maintenance of patients, how paid.** SECTION 8. All persons admitted as patients to the sanatorium shall pay to said institution the cost of their maintenance. The charges for any patient or patients may, however, be paid by any person or persons or society. The determination of such sum shall be made by the superintendent and the state board of control. Any person who is unable to pay the charges for his or her support may be admitted to said sanatorium after it has been determined by the examining physician that such person is suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, provided, however, that before such person shall be admitted to the sanatorium, he or she shall file a statement with the judge of the probate court of the county within which he or she resides, setting forth the fact that he or she is unable to pay the regular charges. Said judge, upon presentation of the report of the duly authorized examining physician that said person is afflicted with pulmonary tuberculosis, shall make an investigation, and if he finds that said applicant or his legal representatives are actually unable to pay such charges, shall approve in writing the application of such person. Said judge shall immediately forward to the superintendent of the sanatorium a certificate in writing that said patient is unable to pay said charges and that he or she is a resident of the county in which such application has been so approved. The county from which such patient has been so certified shall be charged with the maintenance of such patient at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) per week during the time that he or she remains in said institution as an inmate. Such charges shall be collected in the manner provided by section 561e of the statutes of 1898.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved June 13, 1905.