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**CHAPTER 465.**

AN ACT to amend 51.08 (1) of the statutes, relating to expense of maintenance and care of patients in county hospitals for the mentally infirm.

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

51.08 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

51.08 (1) The expense of maintenance, care and treatment of each patient in any state hospital shall be at the rate of \* \* \* \$4 per week, and in any county hospital or facility for the mentally infirm at the rate of \* \* \* \$8 per week. For each such patient in any county hospital maintained at public charge elsewhere than in the county of his legal settlement the whole rate shall be charged to the state and one-half charged over by the state against the county of his legal settlement. For other patients maintained in any county hospital at public charge one-half of said rate shall be charged to the state and one-half to the county of their legal settlement. When any patient is temporarily transferred from any state or county hospital to a hospital for surgical and medical care or both, the state charges or aid provided for in this subsection shall continue during the period of such transfer. Such charge shall be adjusted as provided in section 46.106, but nothing herein shall prevent the collection of the actual per capita cost of maintenance or a part thereof by the department or by a county having a population of 500,000. This amendment \* \* \* (1949) shall be effective so as to apply to the cost of county operation of hospitals beginning July 1, \* \* \* 1948.

Approved July 12, 1949.

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