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CHAPTER 507.

AN ACT to amend 46.10 (2) and to create 51.22 (2m) of the statutes, relating to payment of care and maintenance of patients at the northern and southern colonies and training schools.

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

SECTION 1. 46.10 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.10 (2) Any patient in any charitable or curative institution of the state including the Wisconsin general hospital or of any county or municipality, in which the state is chargeable with all or a part of the patient's maintenance, except tuberculosis patients mentioned in chapter 50 and sections 51.27 and 58.06 (2), or heretofore or hereafter

committed or admitted to any such institution, and his property and estate, or the husband or wife of such patient, and their property or estates, and in the case of a minor child the father or mother of the patient, and their property and estates, shall be liable for such patient's maintenance not exceeding the actual per capita cost thereof, *except as provided in section 51.22 (2m)*, and the department may bring action for the enforcement of such liability. The department shall make every reasonable effort to notify the relatives liable as soon as possible after the beginning of the maintenance but such notice or the receipt thereof is not a condition of liability of the relative.

SECTION 2. 51.22 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

51.22 (2m) LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. Beginning July 1, 1951, whenever the actual per capita cost for care and maintenance of patients at the colonies and training schools shall exceed \$40 for a month of 31 days, liability of patients or parents under section 46.10 (2) shall be limited to \$40 per month. In any case the department may grant a lesser special rate per month based on the ability to pay of the patient or parent, and no liability shall accrue for the difference between the lesser special rate and \$40.

Approved June 28, 1951.
