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**CHAPTER 601**

AN ACT to amend 142.09 and 142.10 of the statutes, relating to extending to Korean war veterans the preference given other war veterans in admitting patients to Wisconsin general hospital.

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

142.09 and 142.10 of the statutes are amended to read:

142.09 In admitting patients to the hospital, preference shall be given to honorably discharged veterans of any of the wars of the United States *or who is otherwise eligible for benefits from the department of veterans affairs*. Preference is hereby defined to mean that whenever the superintendent of the hospital is notified that the applicant is such a veteran, such veteran shall be the next person so admitted to the hospital, except in case of an emergency.

142.10 Any honorably discharged veteran of any war of the United States *or who is otherwise eligible for benefits from the department of veterans affairs*, shall be permitted to enter the Wisconsin general hospital and obtain all care including professional service at the clinic cost rate but not in excess of \$5.90 per day. Such veteran must have been a resident of this state for not less than 5 years next immediately preceding his application for admittance. If such veteran does not elect to be admitted to said hospital on the clinic cost basis of not in excess of \$5.90 per day aforesaid, he shall in any event when admitted as a private patient paying his own professional fee, be entitled to a hospital bed at a room charge of not to exceed \$5.90, which charge shall cover blood transfusions and special nurses when necessary, X-rays, special laboratory procedures, anesthetics, operating room fees or any other items normally charged additional to room charges for private patients.

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