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CHAPTER 255

AN ACT to amend 50.04 (3) of the statutes, relating to care without charge in tuberculosis institutions of persons not having settlement in Wisconsin.

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

50.04 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

50.04 (3) Any patient who has a legal settlement in this state or any patient who, or whose parent, if the patient is a minor, has resided in this state for 5 years or more in the aggregate prior to his application for admission, *and 90 days of which residence is within 5 years next preceding his application,* shall be cared for at any county tuberculosis sanatorium without charge to him, regardless of his ability to pay, and the cost of his care shall be charged against the state subject to a charge over against the county of his legal settlement as provided in s. 50.09 (2). If any such patient is the beneficiary of a policy of hospitalization, health or accident insurance or other contract covering care in a tuberculosis sanatorium, he shall be liable to pay the cost of his care to the extent of the liability on such policy, insurance or contract as determined by the admitting court, except that such liability shall not include amounts payable as disability benefits under any such policy. Any such patient who, by

reason of his tuberculosis, is entitled to damages or workmen's compensation; is liable for the cost of his care to the extent that the same may be recoverable in an action or workmen's compensation proceedings, and may be required to execute all necessary papers and do all necessary acts to insure the collection thereof. Nothing contained in this subsection shall prohibit any patient from paying all or a part of the cost of his care if he so desires.

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