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CHAPTER 597

AN ACT to amend 49.01 (7), as amended by chapter 2, laws of the special session of 1958, and 49.09 (3) of the statutes, relating to temporary relief for nonresidents.

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

SECTION 1. 49.01 (7) of the statutes, as amended by chapter 2, laws of the special session of 1958, is amended to read:

49.01 (7) "Eligible" or "eligibility" means a dependent person who has continuously resided for one whole year in this state immediately prior to an application for relief except that temporary assistance including medical care may be granted during the initial year to meet an emergency situation pending the negotiations for the return of the applicant and family to the former place of residence or legal settlement outside this state or to meet a medical emergency developing during the initial one year period of residence. Such temporary assistance shall not extend beyond * * * 30 days unless a medical emergency requires further extension. Notwithstanding the foregoing, whenever anyone leaves this state, and was at the time of his departure eligible as to residential requirements to receive general assistance under this section other than emergency aid, such person upon returning within one year to this state, shall be eligible to receive such general assistance in this state without limitation on the period of relief to be granted so long as the need continues.

SECTION 2. 49.09 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.09 (3) When a dependent person without a legal settlement in a county or municipality in this state applies for relief and is found in need, the relief agency may furnish temporary assistance including emergency medical care but shall immediately correspond with the state in which such person formerly resided or had a legal settlement. If such other state admits that the dependent person * * * is there eligible for relief on the basis of residence, then the relief agency in this state shall offer to the person requesting relief transportation for such person, and for his dependents if necessary, to the municipality of former residence or legal settlement. If the person declines to accept such offer no further relief to him or his dependents shall be granted except for temporary assistance to meet a medical emergency. In the event the dependent person has resided less than one whole year in this state immediately

prior to application for relief then the temporary assistance shall not extend beyond * * * 30 days unless a medical emergency requires further extension. If the dependent person is a married woman the fact that the husband cannot be found shall be no bar to such married woman's right to receive relief. In the discretion of the department, however, she may be required to swear out a warrant for nonsupport against her husband before receiving relief.

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