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CHAPTER 462

AN ACT to amend 49.01 (1), 49.18 (6) (b), 49.19 (3) (b), 49.22 (1) (intro. par.), 49.29 (1) and 49.61 (7) of the statutes, relating to the times of giving relief and making payments to certain other recipients of public assistance.

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

SECTION 1. 49.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.01 (1) "Relief" means such services, commodities or money as are reasonable and necessary under the circumstances to provide food, housing, clothing, fuel, light, water, medicine, medical, dental, and surgical treatment (including hospital care), optometrical services, nursing, transportation, and funeral expenses, and include wages for work relief. The food furnished shall be of a kind and quantity sufficient to provide a nourishing diet. The housing provided shall be adequate for health and decency. Where there are children of school age the relief furnished shall include necessities for which no other provision is made by law. *The relief furnished, whether by money or otherwise, shall be at such times and in such amounts, as will in the discretion of the relief official or agency meet the needs of the recipient and protect the public.*

SECTION 2. 49.18 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.18 (6) (b) If the county agency finds a person eligible for aid under this section, it shall on a form to be prescribed by the state department of public welfare, direct the payment of such aid by order upon the county clerk or county treasurer of the county. Payment of aid shall be made monthly, *except that the director of the county agency may, in his discretion for the purpose of protecting the public, direct that the monthly allowance be paid in 2 or more instalments.*

SECTION 3. 49.19 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.19 (3) (b) If the county agency finds a person eligible for aid under this section, such agency shall on a form to be prescribed by the state department of public welfare, direct the payment of such aid by order upon the county clerk or county treasurer of the county. Payment of aid shall be made monthly, *except that the director of the county agency may, in his discretion for the purpose of protecting the public, direct that the monthly allowance be paid in 2 or more instalments.*

SECTION 4. 49.22 (1) (intro. par.) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.22 (1) (intro. par.) Any needy person who complies with the provisions of ss. 49.20 to 49.38 shall be entitled to financial assistance in old age. The amount granted shall be determined by a budget in which all income and resources, except as provided by s. 49.18 (1) (a), as well as expenses shall be considered and the aid per month shall not exceed \$75, *the payment of the aid to be made monthly, except that the director of the county agency may, in his discretion for the purpose of protecting the public, direct that the monthly allowance be paid in 2 or more instalments.* Old-age assistance may be granted to a person only if:

SECTION 5. 49.29 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.29 (1) A certificate shall be issued to each applicant when old-age assistance is allowed stating the date upon which payments shall commence and the amount * * * *allowed for each * * * month.*

SECTION 6. 49.61 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.61 (7) If the county agency * * * *finds* a person eligible for aid under this section, such agency shall, on a form * * * prescribed by the state department of public welfare, direct the payment of such aid by order upon the county clerk or county treasurer of the county; all payments of aid shall be made monthly, *except that the director of the county agency may, in his discretion for the purpose of protecting the public, direct that the monthly allowance be paid in 2 or more instalments.*

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