1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 370

May 10, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Musser, Brancel and Lorge, cosponsored by Senators Zien and Leean. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

- 1 AN ACT to renumber 150.95; and to create 45.375, 49.45 (3) (e) 7m., 150.31 (5m),
- 2 150.93 (5) and 150.95 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** establishing a hospital
- 3 at King.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill permits the department of veterans affairs to establish a 16-bed hospital at the Wisconsin veterans home at King. Under the bill, the approved bed capacity of the nursing home at the Wisconsin veterans home at King is reduced by one bed for each approved bed at the newly established hospital. The bill sets the daily rate at the hospital for patients awaiting transfer to another living arrangement, including transfer back to a nursing bed at King, at the skilled nursing home rate paid at the Wisconsin veterans home at King.

The bill exempts the newly established hospital from the moratorium on the construction of hospital beds and from the moratorium on the number of psychiatric or chemical dependency beds of a hospital.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

- **Section 1.** 45.375 of the statutes is created to read:
- 5 45.375 Hospital at Wisconsin veterans home. (1) The department of
- 6 veterans affairs may establish a hospital at the Wisconsin veterans home at King.

(2) A hospital established under sub. (1) may not have an approved bed
capacity, as defined in s. 150.01 (4m), greater than 16 beds. The approved bed
capacity of the nursing home licensed under s. 50.03 on the effective date of this
subsection [revisor inserts date], and operated at the Wisconsin veterans home
at King is reduced by one bed for each approved bed at the hospital established under
sub. (1).
SECTION 2. 49.45 (3) (e) 7m. of the statutes is created to read:
49.45 (3) (e) 7m. Notwithstanding subd. 7., the daily reimbursement or
payment rate for services at a hospital established under s. 45.375 (1) provided to
medical assistance recipients whose continued hospitalization is no longer medically
necessary or appropriate during a period where the recipient awaits placement in an
alternate custodial living arrangement shall be the skilled nursing facility rate paid
to the facility created under s. 45.365 (1).
Section 3. 150.31 (5m) of the statutes is created to read:
150.31 (5m) The department shall decrease the statewide bed limit specified
in sub. (1) to account for any reduction in the approved bed capacity of the nursing
home operated at the Wisconsin veterans home at King, as specified in s. 45.375 (2).
Section 4. 150.93 (5) of the statutes is created to read:
150.93 (5) This section does not apply to a hospital established under s. 45.375
(1).
Section 5. 150.95 of the statutes is renumbered 150.95 (1).
Section 6. 150.95 (2) of the statutes is created to read:
150.95 (2) This section does not apply to a hospital established under s. 45.375
(1).

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