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CHAPTER 507

AN ACT to amend 142.10 of the statutes, relating to war veteran's privileges at the Wisconsin general hospital.

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

142.10 of the statutes is amended to read:

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 * * *. *A veteran who does not carry any hospitalization insurance shall be admitted at one-half the clinic cost rate. A veteran who has partial hospital insurance coverage shall not be charged any sum in excess of the insurance proceeds except that if such proceeds do not equal one-half of the clinic cost rate, the veteran shall pay the balance.* 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 * * * 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 * * * *one-half the regular room charge if he has no hospitalization insurance or partial insurance coverage which covers not to exceed one-half the charge for such hospital room charge*, 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. *The changes made by this amendment (1957) shall not affect the charges payable by any such veteran who is hospitalized in the Wisconsin general hospital on the effective date of this amendment (1957).*

Approved August 1, 1957.
