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CHAPTER 578

AN ACT to amend 49.18 (1) (b) and 49.61 (1m) of the statutes, relating to aid to blind and totally and permanently disabled persons.

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

SECTION 1. 49.18 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.18 (1) (b) For the purposes of this section, the term "aid to the blind" means money payments to, or medical care in behalf of or any type of remedial care recognized under this section or s. 49.40 in behalf of blind individuals who are needy, but does not include any such payments to or care in behalf of any individual who is an inmate of a public institution (except as a patient in a medical institution) or any individual (a) who is a patient in an institution for tuberculosis or mental diseases, or (b) who has been diagnosed as having tuberculosis or psychosis and is a patient in a medical institution as a result thereof, except that the exclusion of money payments to needy individuals described in clause (a) or (b) shall, in the case of any such individuals who are not patients in a public institution, be effective July 1, 1952. Beginning July 1, 1953, no payment of aid to the blind shall be made to any individual in a private or public institution unless a standard-setting authority has been designated or established which shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining standards for such institution. Such individuals shall not be barred from receiving general aid under ss. 49.02 and 49.03. *Aid to the blind shall also be granted to blind dependent persons residing voluntarily in county or city homes and the department shall make claim for federal reimbursement therefor when federal funds are made available for that purpose and pay the same to the county.*

SECTION 2. 49.61 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.61 (1m) For the purpose of this section, the term "aid to the totally and permanently disabled" means money payments to, or medical care in behalf of, or any type of remedial care recognized under this section or s. 49.40 in behalf of, needy individuals more than 18 years of age who are totally and permanently disabled, but does not include any such payments to or care in behalf of any individual who is an inmate of a public institution (except as a patient in a medical institution) or any individual (a) who is a patient in an institution for tuberculosis or mental diseases, or (b) who has been diagnosed as having tuberculosis or psychosis and is a patient in a medical institution as a result thereof. Beginning July 1, 1953, no payment of aid to totally and permanently disabled persons shall be made to any individual in a private or public institution unless a standard-setting authority has been designated or established which shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining standards for such institutions. Such individuals shall not be barred from receiving general aid under ss. 49.02 and 49.03. *Aid to the totally and permanently disabled shall be granted to totally and permanently disabled dependent persons residing voluntarily in county or city homes and the department shall make claim for federal reimbursement therefor when federal funds are made available for that purpose and pay the same to the county.*

Approved October 9, 1961.