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CHAPTER 566

AN ACT to amend 51.18 of the statutes, relating to family care of mental patients.

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

51.18 of the statutes is amended to read:

51.18 The department may place any state hospital *or colony* patient in a suitable family boarding home upon such terms and conditions as it determines, if it considers that such course would benefit the patient. The cost to the state of the supervision and maintenance of any patient so boarded out shall not exceed the average per capita cost of his maintenance in the state hospital *or colony*. Bills for his board shall be payable monthly out of the operating funds of such state hospital *or colony* and shall be audited as are other bills. The county of his legal settlement shall be

charged with the rates and expenses provided under s. 51.08 and such charges shall be adjusted in the same manner as if the patient were at the hospital *or colony*. The department may visit and investigate such home and may return the patient to the hospital *or colony* or place him in another home when deemed advisable. Such placement shall not be considered a conditional release *or temporary discharge*.

Approved August 4, 1955.
