

Senate Bill 235

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**CHAPTER 374**

AN ACT to repeal 51.12 (4a); and to amend 51.12 (4) of the statutes, relating to discharge of patients from county mental hospitals.

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

SECTION 1. 51.12 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

51.12 (4) The superintendent of any state *or county* hospital *or mental health center*, with the approval of the department, may at any time discharge any patient (including those on conditional release) who in his judgment is recovered, or who is not recovered but whose discharge will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the patient. *In counties having a population of 500,000 or more, the approval of the department to discharge a patient is not required.*

SECTION 2. 51.12 (4a) of the statutes is repealed.

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