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CHAPTER 381.

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 51.24 (2) of the statutes, relating to the cost of care and maintenance and the payment thereof at hospitals for mental diseases in counties having a population of 500,000 or more.

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

51.24 (2) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

51.24 (2) The state shall compensate the county for the care and maintenance of patients in the hospital mentioned in subsection (1) who are maintained at public expense, at the rate of \$5 per week for each chronic case for the year beginning July 1, 1950 and annually thereafter at a rate determined in accordance with the provisions of section 51.08 (1). For patients who are maintained at public expense the state shall

compensate the county for each acute case at the rate of \$5 per week and, commencing July 1, 1951, at a rate equal in amount to the full average per capita cost of care and maintenance of patients in Mendota state hospital and Winnebago state hospital minus the charge made by the state to counties pursuant to the provisions of section 51.08. The average of the full per capita cost of the Mendota state hospital and Winnebago state hospital for the fiscal year ending June 30 shall be the basis for computation of the compensation for the ensuing calendar year. When a patient is temporarily transferred from the hospital for mental diseases to the county hospital for physical or acute mental illness or surgical or medical care or all of them, such state compensation shall be paid for the period of such transfer.

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