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**CHAPTER 559**

AN ACT to create 49.18 (1) (e) 4 and 5 of the statutes, relating to eligibility for aid to the blind with reference to insurance.

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

49.18 (1) (e) 4 and 5 of the statutes are created to read:

49.18 (1) (e) 4. An insurance policy not in excess of \$1,000 cash value, provided that such insurance policy shall not be subject to control by the county agency.

5. An insurance policy not in excess of \$1,000 cash value, provided that if such recipient of aid to the blind requests the county agency to provide for payment of premiums thereon he shall name the county agency as beneficiary of the policy, and in naming the county agency as beneficiary shall provide that the beneficiary so named cannot be changed nor such policy cashed without the written consent of said beneficiary. From the proceeds of such policy, the county agency shall first make an allowance for the recipient's funeral expenses in an amount which, combined with other funds of the recipient, shall not exceed \$300. After payment of funeral expenses, the proceeds from the policy shall be retained by the county agency named as beneficiary in payment of aid paid under this section furnished by such agency or other county agencies (on a pro rata basis if insufficient to pay in full) and any proceeds in excess of the amount needed to pay the claim for aid to the blind shall be disposed of as provided by the insured. Any net amount recovered pursuant to this subsection shall be paid to the United States, the state and its political subdivisions in the proportion in which they respectively contributed to such aid to the blind. The county agency granting aid to the blind to a person who has named the county agency beneficiary of a life insurance policy under this subdivision shall provide for the payment of the premiums on the policy, which premiums may be included in the grant of the recipient within the maximum limitations of par. (a) or paid directly to the insurance company without regard to the maximum limitations imposed by par. (a). For any payment made directly to the insurance company, the county agency shall be entitled to recover and retain the amount of such premiums so paid before prorating with the United States and the state as above provided.

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