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CHAPTER 601

AN ACT to amend 142.09 and 142.10 of the statutes, relating to extending to Korean war veterans the preference given other war veterans in admitting patients to Wisconsin general hospital.

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

142.09 and 142.10 of the statutes are amended to read:

142.09 In admitting patients to the hospital, preference shall be given to honorably discharged veterans of any of the wars of the United States *or who is otherwise eligible for benefits from the department of veterans affairs*. Preference is hereby defined to mean that whenever the superintendent of the hospital is notified that the applicant is such a veteran, such veteran shall be the next person so admitted to the hospital, except in case of an emergency.

142.10 Any honorably discharged veteran of any war of the United States *or who is otherwise eligible for benefits from the department of veterans affairs*, shall be permitted to enter the Wisconsin general hospital and obtain all care including professional service at the clinic cost rate but not in excess of \$5.90 per day. Such veteran must have been a resident of this state for not less than 5 years next immediately preceding his application for admittance. If such veteran does not elect to be admitted to said hospital on the clinic cost basis of not in excess of \$5.90 per day aforesaid, he shall in any event when admitted as a private patient paying his own professional fee, be entitled to a hospital bed at a room charge of not to exceed \$5.90, which charge shall cover blood transfusions and special nurses when necessary, X-rays, special laboratory procedures, anesthetics, operating room fees or any other items normally charged additional to room charges for private patients.

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