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CHAPTER 473

AN ACT to amend 51.09 (4) and (5) of the statutes, relating to reimbursement for drug addicts and inebriates committed to institutions in counties having a population of 500,000 or more and extending authority to grant conditional releases.

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

51.09 (4) and (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

51.09 (4) A conditional release may be granted to the inebriate or drug addict under * * * s. 51.13, *except that in commitments to the hospital ward of the house of correction in counties having a population of 500,000 or more the superintendent of said institution shall have the same authority as superintendents under s. 51.13 but he shall exercise same only upon the written recommendation of the visiting physician.*

(5) TREATMENT OF DRUG ADDICTS AND INEBRIATES. The department shall provide treatment for drug addicts *and inebriates* at the state institutions to which they are committed; and counties having a population of 500,000 *or more*, shall provide treatment of drug addicts *and inebriates* in local institutions to which they are committed. For each drug addict *or inebriate* treated in * * * *any county mental hospital* the county shall receive the same allowance from the state as it receives for the care of other patients in the same institutions *and for each drug addict or inebriate committed to the hospital ward of the house of correction the state shall compensate the county at a rate equal to the actual average per capita cost of operating and maintaining such hospital ward facility minus \$5 per week. The actual average per capita cost of the hospital ward of the house of correction for the fiscal year ending June 30 (1959) shall be the basis for computing the compensation for the current calendar year and thereafter for each fiscal year ending June 30, the cost computation shall in*

turn be the basis for the existing calendar year. When any patient is temporarily transferred from the hospital ward of the house of correction or such other local institution to which he may be committed, to a county general hospital for surgical or medical care or both, the state charges or aid shall continue and shall be paid during the period of such transfer and the cost of such medical or surgical care or both shall be included within the actual average per capita cost of the hospital ward of the house of correction or such other local institutions to which the person has been committed. The superintendent of the house of correction or the superintendent of such other local institution to which a drug addict or inebriate may be committed shall promptly after the expiration of each computation period on June 30 of each year, prepare a statement giving the name of each person and the number of weeks maintained at such institution pursuant to this section during that period, the county of legal settlement if any, the aggregate of such weeks for all persons so maintained and the separate semi-annual amounts of compensation to be made by the state, which statement shall be verified by the superintendent and thereafter delivered to the department. The department shall attach to the statement its certificate showing the number of weeks' maintenance furnished and shall file the same with the director of budget and accounts, who shall draw his warrant in favor of the county for the compensation specified in the certificate and deliver the warrant to the state treasurer, who shall thereupon pay the same. The department shall appropriately charge the statutory liability of \$5 per week for maintenance and treatment to any other county wherever a person's legal settlement is determined to be any such county under sub. (1).

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