Assembly Bill 490

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CHAPTER 69, LAWS OF 1967

AN ACT to amend 49.18 (1) (b), 49.20 (2) and 49.61 (1m) of the statutes, relating to payments of aid to the blind, old-age assistance, and to the disabled.

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

SECTION 1. 49.18 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.18 (1) (b) For the purposes of this section, the term "aid to the blind" means money payments to such blind person, to another individual when such individual has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction as a legal representative of the needy blind person or to another individual who has been designated by the county welfare agency in cases approved by the state department to receive payment of the aid, or medical care in behalf of or any type of remedial care recognized under this section or s. 49.46 in behalf of blind individuals who are needy, but does not include any such payments to or care in behalf of any individual who is an inmate of a public institution (except as a patient in a medical institution) or any individual who is a patient in an institution for tuberculosis or mental diseases. Beginning July 1, 1953, no payment of aid to the blind shall be made to any individual in a private or public institution unless a standard setting authority has been designated or established which shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining standards for such institution. Such individuals shall not be barred from receiving general aid under ss. 49.02 and 49.03. Aid to the blind shall also be granted to blind dependent persons residing voluntarily in county or city homes and the department shall make claim for federal reimbursement therefor when federal funds are made available for that purpose and pay the same to the county.

SECTION 2. 49.20 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.20 (2) The term "old-age assistance" means money payments to such aged, dependent person, to another individual when such individual has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction as a legal representative of such needy aged person or to another individual who has been designated by the county welfare agency in cases approved by the state department to receive payment of the aid or medical care in behalf of or any type of remedial care recognized under ss. 49.20 to 49.38 49.37 or s. 49.46 in behalf of needy individuals who are 65 years of age or older (or 60 years or older in the event of the change in the federal law as provided in s. 49.22 (1)) but does not include any such payments or care in behalf of any individual who

is an inmate of a public institution (except as a patient in a medical institution) or any individual who is a patient in an institution for tuberculosis. Beginning July 1, 1953, no payment of old-age assistance shall be made to any individual in a private or public institution unless a standard-setting authority has been designated or established which shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining standards for such institutions. Such individuals shall not be barred from receiving general aid under ss. 49.02 and 49.03. Old-age assistance shall also be granted to aged dependent persons residing voluntarily in county or city homes and the department shall make claim for federal reimbursement therefor when federal funds are made available for that purpose and pay the same to the county.

SECTION 3. 49.61 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.61 (1m) In this section, "aid to the totally and permanently disabled" means money payments to such totally and permanently disabled person, to another individual when such individual has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction as a legal representative of such needy disabled person or to another individual who has been designated by the county welfare agency in cases approved by the department to receive payment of the aid, or medical care in behalf of, or any type of remedial care recognized under this section or s. 49.46 in behalf of, needy individuals more than 18 and less than 65 years of age who are totally and permanently disabled, but does not include any such payments to or care in behalf of any individual who is an inmate of a public institution (except as a patient in a medical institution) or any individual who is a patient in an institution for tuberculosis or mental diseases. No payment of aid to totally and permanently disabled persons shall be made to any individual in a private or public institu-tion unless a standard-setting authority has been designated or established which is responsible for establishing and maintaining standards for such institutions. Such individuals shall not be barred from receiving general aid under ss. 49.02 and 49.03. Aid to the totally and permanently disabled shall be granted to totally and permanently disabled dependent persons residing voluntarily in county or city homes and the department shall make claim for federal reimbursement therefor when federal funds are made available for that purpose and pay the same to the county.

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