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CHAPTER 514.

AN ACT to repeal and recreate subsection (3) of section 20.15, subsection (1) of section 45.07 and subsection (1) of section 45.08, and to amend subsections (3a) and (4) of section 20.15, the introductory paragraph of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of section 45.07, subsections (2), (3) and (4) of section 45.08 and subsection (1) of section 45.09 of the statutes, relating to the Wisconsin Veterans' Home, changing the name of said institution to the Grand Army Home for Veterans, making provisions for its operation, creating a board of managers, and making an appropriation.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The state home for veterans located at Waupaca, heretofore known as the Wisconsin Veterans' Home, shall hereafter be known as the Grand Army Home for Veterans.

SECTION 2. Subsection (3) of section 20.15, subsection (1) of section 45.07 and subsection (1) of section 45.08 of the statutes are repealed and the board of managers of the Wisconsin Veterans' Home is abolished.

SECTION 3. A new subsection is added to sections 20.15, 45.07 and 45.08 to be numbered and to read: (20.15) (3) Annually, to the adjutant general for the conduct of the Grand Army Home for Veterans:

(a) All moneys received by any person for or on account of the Grand Army Home for Veterans shall be paid within one week of receipt into the general fund of the state treasury, and all such moneys, except moneys received from the federal government, are appropriated therefrom to the adjutant general for the conduct of the said home.

(b) An allowance of six dollars and fifty cents per week for the maintenance of each officer, employe and member in such home, to be set aside monthly upon the basis of the number of officers, employes and members in said home in the preceding month.

(c) For the burial of each such deceased member who shall be buried in the cemetery of such home, forty dollars.

(d) An amount sufficient for insurance.

(45.07) (1) There is created a board of managers of the Grand Army Home for Veterans located at Waupaca. The said board shall be composed of four *ex officio* members,—the adjutant general, the state surgeon, the chief quartermaster, and the department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic,—and four persons appointed by the governor for terms of six years. All such appointive members shall be members either of the Grand Army of the Republic or of the Woman's Relief Corps. Before making such appointments, the governor may request the Wisconsin Department of the Grand Army of the Republic to submit the names of no less than six persons whom it recommends for such appointments, which recommendations shall be given consideration by the governor, but he shall not be confined in making appointments to the persons so recommended. No member of said board shall be compensated by the state for his services as such member, but shall be reimbursed the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties.

(45.08) (1) The adjutant general, with the approval of the board of managers in matters of general policy, shall operate and conduct the Grand Army Home for Veterans. He shall have power to employ such officers, nurses, attendants, and other employes as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the said home and shall fix their compensation, subject to the approval of the governor.

SECTION 4. Subsections (3a) and (4) of section 20.15, the introductory paragraph of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of section 45.07, subsections (2), (3) and (4) of section 45.08 and subsection (1) of section 45.09 of the statutes are amended to read: (20.15) (3a) All moneys transferred from the soldiers' rehabilitation fund to the general fund pursuant to subsection (4) of section 45.276 are appropriated to the * * * *adjutant general* for the construction and equipment of a hospital for * * * *the Grand Army Home for Veterans.*

(4) To the * * * *adjutant general for the Grand Army Home for Veterans:*

(b) On July 1, * * * 1929, twenty thousand dollars, and on July 1, * * * 1930, twenty thousand dollars, for property repairs and maintenance.

(c) On July 1, 1925, twenty thousand six hundred fifty dollars, on July 1, 1926, twenty-six thousand seven hundred ninety dollars; on July 1, 1927, ten thousand dollars, * * * on July

1, 1928, four thousand dollars, *on July 1, 1929, ten thousand dollars, and on July 1, 1930, ten thousand dollars*, for permanent property and improvements, except the purchase of land.

(d) On July 1, 1923, five hundred dollars for a morgue for the hospital building; three hundred dollars for a drill press and table; six hundred dollars for a new vacuum pump; one thousand dollars for a new feed water heater; twenty thousand dollars for conduits, pipes, insulation and installation and equipment for the steam heating system. On July 1, 1924, twenty thousand dollars for conduits, pipes, insulation and installation and equipment for the steam heating system; three thousand five hundred dollars for an electrical elevator for the *new* hospital; and five thousand dollars for a new internal telephone system. *On July 1, 1929, sixteen thousand dollars for the furnishings and equipment of the new hospital, and sixteen thousand dollars for the purchase, installation and equipment of a new boiler.*

(e) *All moneys received as insurance on account of the fire in Rusk Hall are appropriated for the repair, remodeling and equipment of the old hospital.*

(45.07) (2) (Introductory paragraph) The allowances appropriated by subsection (3) of section 20.15 are for the maintenance of employes who are actually maintained in the * * * *Grand Army Home for Veterans*, and for the following * * * *members of the home:*

(3) Applications for entrance into and maintenance at the * * * *Grand Army Home for Veterans* shall be considered and passed upon in the following order: Civil war veterans; the mothers, wives and widows of civil war veterans; civil war nurses, veterans of the Spanish-American war, Philippine insurrection and China relief expedition; the mothers, wives and widows of veterans of the Spanish-American war, Philippine insurrection and China relief expedition; and veterans of the World War and of all other wars and military expeditions of the United States; and the mothers, wives and widows of veterans of the wars last mentioned.

(45.08) (2) If any additional land shall be purchased with the moneys at any time appropriated by the state to the * * * *Grand Army Home for Veterans*, the title thereto shall be taken to the state and shall be held by and for the uses and purposes of the said home so long as used for the present objects and purposes thereof, and no payment shall be made out of the state

treasury or otherwise for any such land until the title shall have been examined and the conveyance thereof to the state of Wisconsin approved by the attorney-general, and every such deed of conveyance shall be immediately recorded in the office of the proper register of deeds * * * and thereafter filed with the secretary of state.

(3) It shall be the duty of the * * * *adjutant general* to cause to be kept a true and accurate account of the disbursements of all moneys derived from * * * *all sources for said home*, and annually to make report in writing to the governor, giving a true and itemized account in such form as he may require or prescribe, of all expenditures made of moneys appropriated or in any manner derived from the state, and also of the names and numbers of * * * *members of the home*, the date of admission, time of occupancy, age, and residence of each, the regiment, company, battery, or other similar organization in which such * * * *member* served during the civil war, or of the person on account of * * * *whom* such * * * *member* was admitted to the home, and also the names, number and salaries of the officers, employes, and laborers employed in said home, and the fund from which they are paid, and also the total amount of the receipts and expenditures of the said * * * *Grand Army Home for Veterans*, and such other detail pertaining to or affecting expenditures for its maintenance or benefit, as may be required by the governor. Such report shall cover the period of the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, and be submitted on or before the first day of August, each year.

(4) The * * * *department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic*, *appointive members of the board of managers of the Grand Army Home for Veterans* shall, not less than twice in each year, * * * *visit* the said * * * *home* * * * *and* shall carefully examine into the management of said home, its system of accounts and of keeping books, and methods of purchase of supplies therefor, and the manner of their issuance and expenditure, and care and keeping of the * * * *members* of said home, the provisions made for the comforts of such * * * *members*, their treatment by officers and employes, and such other details of the management of the said home as they may deem proper to inquire into and as shall be thought likely to promote the objects for which the same is maintained; and they shall make full report thereon to the

governor and to the * * * *adjutant general, with their recommendations upon any of the matters which they are herein enjoined to investigate.* It shall be the duty of the * * * *adjutant general* and the officers and employes of said home to facilitate such examination and inquiries by disclosing all facts in relation to the same, and exhibiting all books, papers, and vouchers affecting the expenditure of moneys. * * *

(45.09) (1) The officers, guards, janitors and members of the police force of the * * * *Grand Army Home for Veterans* are hereby authorized and empowered to summarily arrest all persons within or upon the grounds of said institution who shall be guilty of any offense against the laws of the state of Wisconsin or the rules and regulations governing said * * * home; to arrest any vagrant or idle person who shall refuse to leave said premises and grounds when requested so to do, take such offender before any court of competent jurisdiction and cause proper complaint to be made against him, or them; and for such purposes said officers, guards, janitors and members of the police force shall possess and have all the power and authority of police officers and constables.

SECTION 5. The transfer of the conduct of the Grand Army Home for Veterans from the present board of managers of the Wisconsin Veterans' home to the adjutant general shall take effect October 1, 1929. On or before said date all moneys and accounts receivable of the Wisconsin Veterans' home shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury and are appropriated to the adjutant general and are added to the appropriation for the conduct of the said home made in subsection (3) of section 20.15. All bills outstanding on said date payable by the treasurer of the board of managers of the Wisconsin Veterans' home shall be paid by the adjutant general from said appropriation.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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