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CHAPTER 385.

AN ACT to amend 139.28 and to create 20.432, 52.10, 52.11 and 52.12 of the statutes, relating to the creation of a state bureau of alcohol studies in the state department of public welfare, prescribing its functions and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.432 of the statutes is created to read:

20.432 STATE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL STUDIES. There is appropriated from the general fund to the state bureau of alcohol studies on July 1, 1947, \$50,000 and on July 1, 1948, \$100,000 for the execution of its functions.

SECTION 2. 52.10, 52.11 and 52.12 of the statutes are created to read:

52.10 STATE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL STUDIES. There is created within the state department of public welfare a bureau of alcohol studies to administer the powers and functions prescribed in sections 52.10 to 52.12. The director of the state department of public welfare shall employ such assistants as may be deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 52.10 to 52.12.

52.11 DUTIES OF THE BUREAU. (1) It shall be the duty of the state bureau of alcohol studies:

(a) To co-operate with departments of the state, county and local government and with associations, organizations, groups, industries, professions and individuals, public or private, interested in the prevention and control of alcoholism or its treatment.

(b) To promote, conduct and finance, in full or in part, studies, investigations and research independently or in co-operation with universities, colleges, scientific organizations and state and federal government departments concerning matters pertaining to the causes, extent, prevention, control and treatment of alcoholism, and to make recommendations to the legislature pertaining thereto.

(c) To promote the establishment of facilities for the treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics by the state or by counties, municipalities, or by nonprofit associations, hospitals or clinics.

(d) To establish standards for the treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics.

(e) To give financial aid out of the funds provided by section 20.432 for the maintenance and operation of county or municipal facilities for the treatment of alcoholics provided such facilities are operated in accordance with the standards prescribed by the bureau, are open to all regardless of ability to pay, and provided the county or municipality operating the facility supply at least 50 per cent of the cost of maintenance and operation, except that the bureau may require a lesser amount of local financial participation for a period of not to exceed 2 years for the purpose of demonstrating the services of such a facility.

(2) The bureau and its director shall not participate in the enforcement of the laws pertaining to the taxing and sale of intoxicating liquors.

52.12 ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL FACILITIES. Any county, town, city or village may establish and maintain such facilities and employ such personnel as may be needed to implement and carry out the purposes and provisions of sections 52.10 to 52.12 and may co-operate with state agencies for such purposes.

SECTION 3. 139.28 of the statutes is amended to read:

139.28 After the sum required by the appropriations made by sections 20.05 (6) and 20.432 has been set aside, the balance of all revenues derived from the occupational tax on intoxicating liquors shall be distributed to the cities, towns and villages and shall be used by them to reduce the tax on general property. Such distribution shall be made semiannually and all cities, towns, and villages shall share therein in proportion to their population in the last federal census.

Approved July 10, 1947.