

## A BILL

### FOR AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOSPITAL IN CERTAIN CITIES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That in all cities  
2 in this state containing ten thousand inhabitants, whether incorporated under a special char-  
3 ter or the general incorporation laws of this state, and where there is located a medical col-  
4 lege with a corps of professors, there may be established a hospital for the care of the sick  
5 and wounded, who may be received into such hospital in the way hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. All indigent persons, sick or wounded, and who are actual residents of the town-  
2 ship where such hospital is located, may, upon their request, and by and under the direction  
3 of the trustees or managers, to be appointed as hereinafter directed, be placed in such hos-  
4 pital, and there received and taken care of until discharged.

SEC. 3. For the support of the indigent persons placed in said hospital, in accordance  
2 with the foregoing section, the treasurer of the county in which such hospital is located  
3 shall pay over to the treasurer of the city in which such hospital is located, fifty per centum  
4 of the amount of taxes specifically levied and collected by said county as a poor fund, in the  
5 township in which such hospital is located; said amounts to be paid over as the same may be  
6 collected.

SEC. 4. Whenever a hospital has been established under the provisions of this act, the  
2 city in which the same is located, by its council, shall appoint annually three trustees, who  
3 shall manage, direct, make all the rules, regulations necessary for the government of such  
4 hospital, and shall draw all orders upon the poor fund in the hands of the city treasurer for  
5 the support of the indigent persons in the hospital, and who have been placed there in ac-  
6 cordance with the provisions of section two (2) of this act. Said trustees shall be liable to  
7 removal from office at any time by a vote of two-thirds of the whole number of the city  
8 council. They shall receive no compensation for their services as such trustees. They shall  
9 semi-annually make a full and detailed report to the city council, also to the board of super-  
10 visors, showing the amount of money received, how expended, the number of persons re-

11 ceived into said hospital, the date of admission and discharge, their names, ages, and disease  
12 or character of the accident. The trustees shall incur no expenses of any kind unless there  
13 is money in the treasury of the city belonging to the fund provided by this act sufficient to  
14 pay the same.

SEC. 5. The city council of the city where such hospital is located shall incur no ex-  
2 penses or liabilities on account of said hospital.

SEC. 6. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force and effect  
2 upon its publication in the *Iowa State Register* and *Des Moines Leader*, newspapers published  
3 in Des Moines, Iowa.