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House File 495

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By COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

A BILL FOR

An Act to provide for county public hospitals to provide care of indigent persons having legal settlement outside of the county furnishing such care, and to further provide for the collection of such costs from the county wherein the patient has a legal settlement or persons legally liable for such support.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Amend section three hundred forty-seven
2 point sixteen (347.16), Code 1946, by striking the word
3 "only" from line ten (10) and by inserting the following
4 after line fourteen (14) thereof: "Provided, however, such
5 county public hospital may provide hospital benefits to
6 indigent persons having a legal settlement outside the
7 county and the county of such persons' legal settlement
8 shall pay to such county public hospital for the fair and
9 reasonable cost of such care, treatment, and hospitalization.

1 Sec. 2. Amend section two hundred fifty-two point
2 twenty-two (252.22), Code 1946, by adding thereto the following:
3 "All laws relating to the support of the poor as provided by
4 this chapter shall be applicable to care, treatment, and
5 hospitalization provided by county public hospitals."

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 495

Inasmuch as the tax levy for the support of the county hospital is primarily for the support of the indigent having legal settlement within the county in which the hospital is located, the purpose of this amendment is to more definitely and clearly connect the hospital activities so far as the care of indigent or relief patients is concerned with chapter 252 of the 1946 Code which applies in general to poor relief. The underlying thought is that relief granted by the county hospital is in the same category as relief provided by the county board of supervisors through the county welfare department and the same provisions should be applicable.