

Sec. 3. Section three hundred forty-seven point seventeen (347.17), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

347.17 ACCOUNTS--COLLECTION. It shall be the duty of the trustees either by themselves or through the superintendent to make collections of all accounts for hospital services rendered ~~for-others~~ to persons other than indigent patients ~~or-patients~~ entitled to free care as provided in ~~chapter-254~~ section two (2) of this Act. Such account shall be payable on presentation to the person liable therefor of an itemized statement and if not paid or secured within sixty days after such presentation the said trustees shall proceed to enforce collections by such means as are necessary and are authorized to employ any person for that purpose, and if legal proceedings are required they may employ counsel, the employment in either event to be on such arrangement for compensation as the trustees deem appropriate, provided, however, that should the county attorney act as attorney for the board in any such legal proceedings he shall serve without additional compensation.

Sec. 4. Section four hundred forty-four point twelve (444.12), subsection one (1), Code 1977, is amended by striking paragraph d.

Approved June 12, 1978

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## CHAPTER 1071

### HEALTH FACILITIES COUNCIL

H. F. 630

AN ACT to appropriate funds to the department of health to be used to discharge the responsibilities of the department under House File three hundred fifty-four (354)\*, Acts of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly, 1977 session, and to establish the salaries of members of the state health facilities council established by that Act.

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

Section 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the state department of health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977 and ending June 30, 1978, the sum of sixty-seven thousand three hundred forty-two (67,342) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be used for salaries, support, maintenance and miscellaneous purposes by the department in discharging its statutory responsibility

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to begin preparations to implement House File three hundred fifty-four (354), Acts of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly, 1977 Session.

Sec. 2. The members of the state health facilities council established by House File three hundred fifty-four (354), section two (2), Acts of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly, 1977 Session, shall each receive a salary at the rate of five thousand dollars per year from the date of their respective appointments for the balance of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978. The council members' salaries shall be paid from the funds appropriated by section one (1) of this Act.

Sec. 3. Acts of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly, 1977 Session, chapter seventy-five (75), is amended by adding the following new section:

NEW SECTION. CONTRACTS FOR ASSISTANCE WITH ANALYSES, STUDIES AND DATA. In furtherance of the department's responsibilities under sections sixteen (16), seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) of this chapter, the commissioner may contract with the Iowa hospital association and third party payers, the Iowa health care facilities association and third party payers, or the Iowa association of homes for the aging and third party payers for the establishment of pilot programs dealing with prospective rate review in hospitals or health care facilities, or both. Such contract shall be subject to the approval of the executive council and shall provide for an equitable representation of health care providers, third party payers, and health care consumers in the determination of criterion for rate review. No third party payer shall be excluded from positive financial incentives based upon volume of gross patient revenues. No state or federal funds appropriated or available to the department shall be used for any such pilot program.

Sec. 4. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in The Waterloo Courier, a newspaper published in Waterloo, Iowa, and in the Tama News-Herald, a newspaper published in Tama, Iowa.

Approved May 8, 1978

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, House File 630, was published in the Waterloo Courier, Waterloo, Iowa on May 12, 1978, and in the Tama News-Herald, Tama, Iowa on May 18, 1978.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State*