

A BILL

FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR REIMBURSING CERTAIN PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE AT MT. PLEASANT, IOWA.

WHEREAS, The late Dr. H. A. Gilman, in his official capacity as superintendent of the hospital for the insane at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and at a time when by law he was not required to and did not give a bond, did receive from and on account of patients in said hospital various sums of money, in the aggregate amounting to nearly fifty-five hundred dollars (\$5,500), and has failed to account for any part of said sum; and

WHEREAS, Claims for the same have been filed and allowed against his estate; and

WHEREAS, the total property of said estate amounts to less than four hundred dollars (\$400) and all claims filed against said estate amount to over nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000), and these patients will be substantially deprived of all of said money so received unless an appropriation is made to reimburse them; therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of fifty-five hundred dollars (\$5,500) or so much thereof as may be necessary for the following purposes, viz:

To reimburse patients of said hospital for moneys taken from them by said superintendent and not accounted for, and for moneys received by said superintendent to the credit of patients and not accounted for.

Sec. 2. Said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be paid out upon the approval of the board of control upon satisfactory proof being produced to them that the sums were actually received by said Gilman and that no part of same has been repaid to said patients. Such payment shall be made by the board to the guardian of such insane person in case he has one, to the proper legal representative of such insane person in case he be dead, and in case of patients who are still remaining in the hospital any moneys which may be due on their account shall be paid over to the present superintendent, who shall receipt therefor and place the same to the credit of said patients respectively, and said superintendent shall be liable upon his bond for any moneys so paid over to him.

10 The moneys may be drawn from the treasury of state on a certificate made by the
11 secretary of the board of control and approved by said board, duly signed by its chairman,
12 and a copy of such certificate shall be furnished the auditor of state and treasurer of state
13 and payment made in the same manner as bills against state institutions are now paid by
14 the treasurer of state, as provided in chapter 118, laws of the Twenty-seventh General
15 Assembly.

Sec. 3. In its next biennial report to the governor and the legislature, said board shall
2 make full and complete report of all payments made from this appropriation, together with
3 a brief statement of the reasons therefor.

Sec. 4. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in
2 force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader,
3 newspapers published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.