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**Senate File 77**

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## A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section two hundred twenty point eleven (220.11); to amend section two hundred twenty point sixteen (220.16); to amend section two hundred fifty four point one (254.1); to enact three new sections to follow immediately after section two hundred fifty four point seven (254.7); to amend section three hundred forty seven point thirteen (347.13); subdivision eight (8); to amend section three hundred forty seven point sixteen (347.16); to amend section three hundred forty seven point seventeen (347.17), Code 1946, providing for the care of tuberculosis patients in public tuberculosis sanatoria.

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

1 Section 1. That section two hundred twenty point eleven  
2 (220.11), Code 1946, is amended by striking all of said section  
3 after the word "is" in line ten (10) and inserting in lieu  
4 thereof the following: "entitled to free treatment under Chapter  
5 254."

1 Sec. 2. That section two hundred twenty point sixteen  
2 (220.16), Code 1946, is amended by striking the period (.)  
3 at the end of said section and adding thereto the following:  
4 " , except as provided in Chapter 254."

1 Sec. 3'. That section two hundred fifty four point one  
2 (254.1), Code 1946, is amended by striking from line three (3)

3 thereof the word "indigent".

1     Sec. 4. That Chapter 254, Code 1946, is amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section as follows: "Treatments shall be supplied  
3 free to any person suffering from tuberculosis upon the signed  
4 certificate of his county director of social welfare, or in case  
5 of a county maintaining a separate public tuberculosis hospital,  
6 his board of hospital trustees, that such person has applied for  
7 such treatment and agreed to remain under treatment until dis-  
8 charged by the sanatorium, and is not possessed of sufficient  
9 income or estate to enable him to make payment of the costs of  
10 such treatment in whole or in part without affecting his reasonable  
11 economic security or support, in light of his resources, obliga-  
12 tions and responsibilities to dependents; and expenditures of  
13 public funds for treatment of tuberculosis shall be considered  
14 expenditures for the protection of the public health and not as  
15 monies advanced in the nature of welfare or relief. The state  
16 department of health shall promulgate rules and regulations for  
17 the uniform administration of the provisions of this section,  
18 which shall govern the county directors of social welfare and  
19 boards of hospital trustees in the issuance of such certificates.  
20 Any applicant aggrieved by the decision of the director, or board  
21 of hospital trustees, may appeal in writing to the state commissioner  
22 of health, who shall promptly fix a date for hearing and give  
23 notice thereof to both the applicant and the director, or board  
24 of hospital trustees, commanding them to either appear or submit  
25 the facts in writing on or before the date of such hearing. At

26 the time of such hearing the commissioner shall render final  
27 decision on the issue and may affirm, modify or reverse the  
28 decision of the director, or board of hospital trustees and  
29 issue or deny the certificate accordingly. The director, or  
30 board of hospital trustees shall file a copy of such certificates  
31 issued by them and the commissioner shall file a copy of any  
32 decision on appeal affecting the same with the county auditor  
33 of the county of legal settlement of the applicant.”

1 Sec. 5. That Chapter 254, Code 1946, is amended by  
2 adding thereto a new section as follows: “Any person receiving  
3 free treatment under the provisions of this chapter, who shall  
4 fail or refuse to continue the same until discharged by the  
5 sanatorium, may, upon complaint of any local or state health  
6 officer, be ordered confined by any district court to the same  
7 or any other sanatorium until finally discharged therefrom and  
8 process shall issue to any peace officer for the enforcement  
9 of any such order of court.”

1 Sec. 6. That Chapter 254, Code 1946, is amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section as follows: “The county through the board  
3 of supervisors, or in case of a county maintaining a separate  
4 public tuberculosis hospital, through the board of hospital  
5 trustees, may receive any contributions or donations of money  
6 or property from patients or other persons. Money payable  
7 under the terms of an insurance contract covering costs of  
8 hospitalization of tuberculous patients shall be paid to the  
9 board of supervisors, or in case of a county maintaining a

10 separate public tuberculosis hospital, to the board of hospital  
11 trustees, of the county of the patient's residence, if the  
12 insured is receiving free care under the provisions of this  
13 chapter."

1 Sec. 7. That section three hundred forty seven point thirteen  
2 (347.13), subdivision eight (8), Code 1946, is amended by inserting  
3 after the word "indigent" in line two (2) of said subdivision,  
4 the words, "or tuberculosus".

1 Sec. 8. That section three hundred forty seven point  
2 sixteen (347.16), Code 1946, is amended by inserting after  
3 the word "indigent" in line nine (9) thereof, the words, "or  
4 tuberculous"; and by striking the period (.) in line fourteen  
5 (14) thereof and adding the following: "or by entitled to  
6 free care as provided in Chapter 254."

1 Sec. 9. That section three hundred forty seven point  
2 seventeen (347.17), Code 1946, is amended by inserting after  
3 the word "patients" in line five (5) thereof the following:  
4 "or patients entitled to free care as provided in Chapter 254."