

CHAPTER 348

CONSOLIDATION OF HOSPITAL SERVICE

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348.1 Consolidation and powers.

The purpose of this chapter is to grant to hospital trustees additional powers, and to consolidate and combine under one management all of the public hospital service of the counties and cities coming within its provisions.

[C27, 31, 35, §5368-a1; C39, **§5368.1**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §348.1]

348.2 Consolidation — powers of trustees.

In all counties of the state having a population of one hundred thirty-five thousand inhabitants or over, and in which consolidation of hospital service has been completed as contemplated in this chapter, said board of hospital trustees shall:

1. Have general supervision and care of all grounds and buildings in said county and city occupied and used for public hospital purposes.

2. Have control and supervision over the physicians, nurses, attendants, and patients in all such hospitals.

3. Establish, maintain, and supervise, at a convenient place in such city located in said county, an emergency station for the treatment of emergency cases, including such venereal treatment as may be necessary for the protection of the public.

4. Establish, as early as funds are available, as a department in connection with said hospital, a suitable building or place for the isolation and detention of persons afflicted with contagious diseases subject to quarantine.

[C27, 31, 35, §5368-a2; C39, **§5368.2**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §348.2]

348.3 Discrimination prohibited.

In the management and control of hospitals coming within the provisions of this chapter, no distinction or discrimination shall be made between city and county patients.

[C27, 31, 35, §5368-a3; C39, **§5368.3**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §348.3]

348.4 Sale of property after consolidation.

In all cities located in counties in which both a public county and city hospital are being conducted under separate supervision and management, such cities are hereby authorized and directed, when consolidation is completed under this chapter and upon the recommendation of the board of hospital trustees, to sell the property now owned and used by such cities for hospital purposes, both real and personal, at public or private sale, the proceeds of such sale to be used, first, for the retirement and payment of any outstanding bonds issued in connection with the purchase of such hospital property, and the remainder, if any, shall be turned into the county public hospital fund.

[C27, 31, 35, §5368-a4; C39, **§5368.4**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §348.4]

348.5 Repealed by 72 Acts, ch 1088, § 286.