

- 3 the Newton Daily News, a newspaper published at Newton, Iowa, and  
 4 the Sioux City Journal, a newspaper published at Sioux City, Iowa.

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ED. M. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 299

### STATE UNIVERSITY

AN ACT to make an emergency appropriation to reimburse the state university of Iowa for money expended during the biennial period that ended June 30, 1927, for the treatment, care, and hospitalization of patients who had been committed to the hospital of the college of medicine, under the provisions of chapter 199 of the code, 1924.

WHEREAS, chapter 199 of the code, 1924, provides that any legal resident of Iowa, who is suffering from some malady or deformity that can probably be remedied or cured by medical or surgical treatment or hospital care, but who is unable to pay for such treatment and care, may be committed by the court to the hospital of the college of medicine of the state university for proper medical and surgical treatment and hospital care; and

WHEREAS, section 4027, chapter 199 of the code, 1924, entitled *Audit of accounts of hospital for basis of payment*, is as follows:

"To arrive at a proper basis for the payment of said bills for treatment, care, and maintenance, the state board of education shall cause to be made annually an audit of the accounts of the university hospital, and determine the average cost per day for the care and maintenance of each patient therein, exclusive of the salaries of the members of the faculty of said university college of medicine, and said bills shall be allowed at such average cost. All accounts shall be so adjusted and paid as to reimburse the funds of the hospital used for the purposes of this chapter."; and

WHEREAS, section 4028 of the aforesaid chapter, entitled *Expenses—how paid*, is as follows:

"Warrants issued under the preceding section shall be promptly drawn on the treasurer of state and forwarded by the auditor to the treasurer of the state university, and the same shall be by him placed to the credit of the funds which are set aside for the support of said hospital. Said warrants shall be paid by the treasurer of state from the general funds of the state not otherwise appropriated."; and

WHEREAS, during all of the years that the law relating to medical and surgical treatment of indigent persons had been in effect, the state university had been reimbursed for the cost of treatment, care and maintenance of committed patients out of the unexpended funds of the state treasury; and

WHEREAS, because the director of the budget did not request the state university or the Iowa state board of education to submit an estimate of the cost of the service for the biennial period that began July 1, 1925, for

publication in the report which he made to the 41st general assembly, the said state university and the Iowa state board of education assumed that the service would be paid for in accordance with the statute; and

WHEREAS, the 41st general assembly, at the request of the director of the budget, made an appropriation of \$1,800,000.00 for the biennial period; and

WHEREAS, at the close of the biennial period, June 30, 1927, the unpaid claims of the state university for the treatment and hospitalization of committed patients amounted to \$238,198.26; and

WHEREAS, according to a ruling of the attorney general, the aforesaid claims could not be paid out of the unexpended revenues of the state treasury but they might be paid out of the appropriation of \$1,850,000.00 that had been made by the 42nd general assembly for the biennial period that began July 1, 1927; and

WHEREAS, after the aforesaid amount was paid out of the appropriation that had been provided for the biennial period, the state university and the Iowa state board of education found themselves facing the dilemma of accepting patients with a reduced amount of money available; and

WHEREAS, according to the provisions of chapter 199 of the code, 1924, the authorities of the hospital of the college of medicine were compelled to accept patients that were committed by the court; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation that was made by the 42nd general assembly for the biennial period, when reduced by the amount \$238,198.26, will be practically expended on or about April 15, 1929; therefore,

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the  
2 state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred  
3 thirty-eight thousand one hundred ninety-eight dollars and twenty-  
4 six cents (\$238,198.26), as an emergency appropriation for the pur-  
5 pose of carrying out the provisions of chapter 199, code 1924, for the  
6 biennial period that will end June 30, 1929, or so much thereof as  
7 may be deemed necessary to be expended in the manner and under  
8 the authority provided in said chapter.

1 SEC. 2. The appropriation provided for in section one (1) of this  
2 act shall be available on April 1, 1929.

1 SEC. 3. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall  
2 take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Des  
3 Moines Register and the Iowa City Press-Citizen, newspapers pub-  
4 lished in Des Moines, Iowa, and Iowa City, Iowa, respectively.

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