

CHAPTER 179.

[H. B. 46.]

MAINTENANCE OF INSANE—ADVANCE REMITTANCES.

AN ACT relating to the maintenance of patients committed to state hospitals for the insane and amending the act of 1889-90 entitled "An Act in relation to the insane of the State of Washington and making an appropriation for the maintenance thereof, and declaring an emergency," approved March 14, 1890, as amended, by adding a new section thereto after section 16, to be known as section 16-a.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. The act of 1889-90 entitled "An Act in relation to the insane of the State of Washington and making an appropriation for the maintenance thereof, and declaring an emergency," approved March 14, 1890, as amended, is amended by adding a new section thereto after section 16, to be known as section 16-a, reading as follows:

Section 16-a. Advance remittances of the cost of care, maintenance, board, lodging and clothing of patients committed to state hospitals for the insane as provided in the preceding section may be held by the Director of Finance, Budget and Business in a suspense account before remitting to the State Treasurer for a period of not to exceed ninety (90) days in order to enable prompt refunds to be made in cases where the patient, by reason of death, recovery and discharge from the hospital, or other cause, no longer is a ward of the state, and the advance maintenance charges become refundable to the estate of the patient or his responsible relatives. Moneys in such account shall be deposited in such bank or banks as the Director may select and any such depository shall furnish suitable surety bond or collateral for their safekeeping.

Amendment.

Director may hold advance remittances for ninety days.

Passed the House February 7, 1947.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1947.