

SEC. 2. There is hereby created a special fund to be known as the "Second-injury Fund" which shall be used only for the purpose of defraying charges assessed against it as provided in section 1. There is hereby appropriated to such fund from the Accident Fund, for the fiscal biennium ending March 31, 1947, the sum of five hundred thousand (\$500,000.00) dollars or so much thereof as shall be necessary.

Second
injury
fund.

Appropriation.

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CHAPTER 220.

[S. B. 256.]

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITALS.

AN ACT providing state aid for counties for constructing, altering, adding to and equipping tuberculosis hospitals; providing for the appointment of a State Tuberculosis Building Commission; defining its powers and duties; and appropriating funds for the purposes of this act.

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

SECTION 1. In order to provide the additional hospital beds, equipment and other facilities necessary for the adequate care of tuberculosis patients needing hospitalization, state aid to counties to assist in such building program is necessary. In order to effectively carry out the purposes of this act, there shall be appointed by the Governor, within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this act, a State Tuberculosis Building Commission of seven (7) members who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor, composed of one public spirited citizen selected from each congressional district, not more than two (2) of whom may be physicians, and the State Director of Health.

Tuberculosis
Building
Commission.

Members.

Vacancies.

SEC. 2. In the event of a vacancy due to death, illness, resignation, or other cause, the Governor shall fill such vacancy. Members shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall receive their necessary and actual traveling and other expenses, to be paid from funds appropriated under this act upon vouchers signed by the chairman and the secretary of the Commission.

Expenses.

Powers and duties.

SEC. 3. Within thirty (30) days following appointment, the Commission shall meet in the office of the State Director of Health and organize, and elect a chairman. The State Director of Health shall be the secretary of the Commission. After the organization is effected, the Commission shall proceed to the consideration of the tuberculosis hospital needs of the state, and the necessity for construction in the various areas of the state to meet such needs. The Commission shall entertain requests for the expansion of existing tuberculosis hospitals, or for the establishments of additional hospitals, when submitted by the governing body of any county or joint county, and the Commission shall decide upon the merits of such requests after due consideration and study of the needs of the county or joint county requesting aid, the tuberculosis morbidity and mortality of the area, the location and value of the physical plants of existing hospitals, the financial ability of the county or joint county to participate in the building program, as well as present and future population trends.

Plans for building.

SEC. 4. The governing body or bodies of any county or joint county requesting state funds shall submit a plan stating the amount of county funds available for the building program. Approval of any request shall be by the vote of at least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of all the members of the Commission. In the event of the denial of a request for a building program, the Commission shall communicate such

action in writing to the governing body, or bodies, with its reasons for such denial.

SEC. 5. Upon granting a request, the Commission shall fix the amount of aid to be given and shall, from moneys appropriated under this act, allocate to the county or joint county making the request the amount of aid so granted.

Amount
of aid
fixed.

Payment from such allocated funds shall be authorized only after county funds appropriated for the building program shall have been expended and shall be made by warrant of the State Auditor in favor of such county or joint county upon vouchers approved by the Commission and signed by the chairman and secretary thereof.

Payment
of aid.

SEC. 6. In the formulation of building plans and in construction the Commission and the county or joint county involved shall be entitled to consult and advise with any state department. All construction, alteration of or additions to hospitals under this act shall be the responsibility of the county or joint county whose requests and contracts for buildings and equipment shall have been approved by the Commission.

Approval
of plans.

No tuberculosis hospital built or expanded under the provisions of this act shall have fewer than one hundred (100) beds.

100 bed
minimum.

SEC. 7. For the purposes of this act there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the state, the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000): *Provided*, That two million dollars (\$2,000,000) herein appropriated shall only be expended in conjunction with funds allotted or to be allotted by the Federal Government, county or municipal government for the construction, altering or adding to and equipping tuberculosis hospitals.

Appropriation.

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