

CHAPTER 178.

[S. B. 388.]

McKAY MEMORIAL RESEARCH HOSPITAL.

AN ACT relating to McKay Memorial Research Hospital and experimental and scientific research thereat and amending section 2, chapter 46, Laws of 1939 as last amended by section 1, chapter 53, Laws of 1945 (sec. 6130-32, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 636-77, PPC), and section 7, chapter 46, Laws of 1939 as amended by section 4, chapter 67, Laws of 1941 (sec. 6130-37, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 636-87, PPC).

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 46, Laws of 1939, as last amended by section 1, chapter 53, Laws of 1945 (sec. 6130-32, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 636-77, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Section 2. A public institution is hereby established at Soap Lake, Washington, to be known as the McKay Memorial Research Hospital, for the treatment and care of persons afflicted with Buergers and for experimental and scientific study of such disease, cerebral palsy, arthritis, rheumatic fever, and all types of skin diseases, and the medicinal and curative properties of the waters of Soap Lake, and for general hospital care and treatment of indigent citizens of the State of Washington entitled to such service at public expense, to the extent that hospital facilities may be available for general hospital care and treatment under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the department: *And provided further*, That veterans and persons afflicted with Buergers disease shall at all times be given preference over all other persons. The Director of Finance, Budget and Business may in his discretion, open any available excess accommodations to general hospitalization of other patients, except that no patient having a contagious disease shall be admitted.

Hospital established.

Buergers and other diseases.

Veteran's preferences.

Persons having contagious diseases excluded.

SEC. 2. Section 7, chapter 46, Laws of 1939, as amended by section 4, chapter 67, Laws of 1941 (sec. 6130-37, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 636-87, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Department
may contract
for treating
patients.

Section 7. The United States or any of its agencies, the State of Washington or any department or legal subdivision thereof, any other state or territory or legal subdivision thereof, or any person, corporation, association or voluntary association which may wish to provide for the care of persons afflicted with Buerger's disease, cerebral palsy, arthritides [arthritis], rheumatic fever and all types of skin diseases, in the institution and pay the cost of treatment and care as in this act provided may do so under such terms rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Director, and the department is hereby empowered to enter into appropriate contracts on behalf of the State of Washington for such services including general hospital care and treatment of indigent citizens of the State of Washington entitled to such service at public expense.

Management
and control
may be
transferred.

SEC. 3. The Director of Finance, Budget and Business is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Governor, to transfer the management, control and direction of the McKay Memorial Research Hospital to some other state department or departments which is better equipped to furnish the treatment and care and carry on the experimental and research studies herein contemplated. If he deems it advisable, in lieu of making such transfer, the Director, with the approval of the Governor, may lease the said McKay Memorial Research Hospital to any individual, association of individuals or corporation duly authorized and equipped to undertake such treatment, care and studies, upon such terms as may be just, fair and equitable.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1947.

Passed the House March 8, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1947.