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CHAPTER 718.

AN ACT to renumber 45.37 (3); to amend 45.37 (5) and 49.38 (1) and (2) and to create 20.18 (15), 45.37 (3) (b), and 49.235 of the statutes, relating to eligibility of members of grand army home for old-age assistance and making an appropriation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.18 (15) of the statutes is created to read:

20.18 (15) OLD-AGE ASSISTANCE; GRAND ARMY HOME MEMBERS. On July 1, 1951, \$86,000, and annually, beginning July 1, 1952, \$137,000 as state aid for members for the grand army home for veterans receiving old-age assistance and in addition any moneys received from the federal government for such purposes, to be allotted and paid to counties upon the certification of the state department of public welfare in accordance with the provisions of section 49.38.

SECTION 2. 45.37 (3) is renumbered 45.37 (3) (a).

SECTION 3. 45.37 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

45.37 (3) (b) The provisions of sections 49.25 and 49.26 shall take precedence over the provisions of paragraph (a) whenever old-age assistance is granted to members.

SECTION 4. 45.37 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.37 (5) The commandant of the home may receive, disperse and account for personal funds of members of the home, other than state funds or old-age assistance payments, received from any source, under policies adopted by the board of veterans' affairs; except that the personal funds, income, or property of members receiving old-age assistance shall be subject to the provisions of sections 49.25 and 49.26.

SECTION 5. 49.235 of the statutes is created to read:

49.235 MEMBERS OF GRAND ARMY HOME. Persons who are members of the grand army home for veterans at King may be granted old-age assistance if they are eli-

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gible for such aid pursuant to the provisions of chapter 49. The provisions of section 45.37 (2) (h) shall not apply to money payments of old-age assistance paid to or in behalf of such members.

SECTION 6. 49.38 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.38 (1) The county treasurer and county agency administrator shall monthly certify under oath, to the department, in such manner as the department prescribes, the claim of the county for state and federal reimbursement of aid paid under sections 49.20 to 49.38. If the department is satisfied that the amount claimed has actually been expended in accordance with sections 49.20 to 49.38, it shall certify to the director of budget and accounts 30 per cent of the approved amount paid by each county plus federal aid received for such expenditures *plus 30 per cent of any amount paid to an eligible recipient in excess of the amount which the federal government will take into account in making reimbursement but not in excess of \$75, as provided in section 49.21 (1); provided that the department shall certify to the director of budget and accounts 100 per cent of the approved amount paid by each county to eligible persons pursuant to section 49.235 or in behalf of such eligible persons as medical aid pursuant to section 49.40, which certified amount shall include any federal aid received for such expenditures.* To facilitate prompt reimbursement the certification of the department may be based upon the certified statements of the county officers, provided that any necessary audit adjustments for any month of current or prior fiscal years may be included in subsequent certifications.

SECTION 7. 49.38 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.38 (2) The director of budget and accounts shall forthwith draw his warrant for reimbursement to the counties in accordance with the certification of the department. If the total amount payable to all counties exceeds the amount available under the appropriations made in * * * sections 20.18 (5) and 20.18 (15), the department shall prorate the amount available among the counties according to the amount paid out by each. Whenever the department prorates the amount available to the various counties, the counties in the next following month may prorate to the recipients of old-age assistance such proportion of the amount allowed as the amount paid by the state bears to the full amount due from the state.

Approved July 27, 1951.
