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CHAPTER 121.

AN ACT to amend 51.41 (1) (e) of the statutes, relating to financial aid to localities for alcoholic treatment and counsel and making an appropriation.

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

51.41 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

51.41 (1) (e) To give financial aid but not to exceed * * * \$50,000 annually, out of the funds provided by * * * 20.17 (1) (a) for the maintenance and operation of county or municipal facilities for the treatment or counseling of alcoholics provided such facilities are operated in accordance with the standards prescribed by the department, are open to all regardless of ability to pay, and provided the county or municipality operating the facility supplies at least 50 per cent of the cost of maintenance and operation, except that the department may require a lesser amount of local financial participation for a period of not to exceed 2 years for any facility established prior to July 1, 1953, or 3 years if established thereafter, for the purpose of demonstrating the services of such a facility. State funds for aid to localities may be used for salaries and operation of facilities and centers but not for payment of hospital bills or payment of individual medical treatment, except that existing facilities now furnishing hospitalization shall be eligible for state aid therefor until January 1, 1954.

Approved May 7, 1953.