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CHAPTER 409

AN ACT to amend 45.30 (1) of the statutes, relating to commitment of insane veterans.

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

45.30 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.30 (1) Whenever it appears that any veteran is eligible for treatment in a United States veterans' facility and commitment is necessary for the proper care and treatment of such veteran, the county judge of the county in which the veteran is found *or the judge of any court of record in such county*, may, upon receipt of a certificate of eligibility from the veterans' administration, after adjudging the veteran insane in accordance with law, direct such veteran's commitment to the veterans' administration for hospitalization in a United States veterans' facility. Upon admission to any such facility, the veteran shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the veterans' administration. The chief officer of such facility is vested with the same powers exercised by superintendents of state hospitals for mental diseases within this state with reference to the retention, transfer or parole of the veteran committed. Notice of pending commitment proceedings shall be furnished the person to be committed and his right to appear and defend shall not be denied. The commitment of a veteran to a veterans' facility within this state by a judge of a court of record of another state under a similar provision of law has the same force

and effect as if such commitment were made by a county judge of this state. After a veteran has been legally committed to any hospital or asylum for the insane in this state the superintendent of such hospital or asylum in any county having a population of 500,000 or more or the state department of public welfare when the commitment has been made to any other such hospital or asylum upon receipt of a certificate of eligibility from the veterans' administration evidencing the right of such veteran to be admitted to a veterans' facility may transfer such veteran to such facility and the cost of the veteran's transportation, together with that of any necessary attendant, shall be a proper charge against such veteran's care in such institution. After such transfer the powers granted by this section to the superintendent of such veterans' facility shall be applicable. Any veteran transferred as provided in this subsection shall be deemed committed to the veterans' administration pursuant to the original commitment.

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