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AN ACT to amend 46.21 (8) (b) of the statutes, relating to the furnishing of emergency medical service in counties having a population of 500,000 or more.

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

46.21 (8) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.21 (8) (b) To establish and maintain in connection with such county hospital an emergency unit or department for the treatment, subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by such board of public welfare, of persons in said county who may meet with accidents or be suddenly afflicted with illness not contagious; provided that medical care and treatment shall only be furnished in such unit or department until such time as the patient may be safely removed to another hospital or to his place of abode, or regularly admitted to said county hospital. *Notwithstanding the aforesaid authority the board of public welfare when approved by the county board may enter into contracts with any private hospital or nonprofit hospital, as defined in s. 140.11, within said county for the use of its facilities and for medical service to be furnished by a licensed physician or physicians to emergency patients arising within the county and who require emergency medical treatment or first aid as a result of any accident, injury or sudden affliction of illness, except that reasonable compensation may only be authorized for such period of time until the patient may be regularly admitted as an inpatient or safely removed to another hospital or to his place of abode.*

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