

CHAPTER 351—S. F. No. 589

An act relating to county nursing homes; providing for the care and custody of certain moneys belonging to patients; amending Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 376.58, by adding a new subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 376.58, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. County nursing homes; patient funds; unclaimed money. *The superintendent of a county nursing home shall have the care and custody of all moneys belonging to patients thereof which may lawfully come into his hands and keep accurate accounting records of all transactions concerning such moneys, taking vouchers for withdrawals therefrom. He shall give a bond in such amount as required by the county nursing home board, conditioned to safely keep and account for such funds. All moneys received from a patient or for the benefit of a patient by an officer or employee of the nursing home shall be delivered to the superintendent forthwith. Not more than \$500 shall be accepted by the superintendent for the benefit of any one patient. All money received by the superintendent shall be deposited in the county treasury for the purposes expressed in this section. Every superintendent shall, at the close of each month, or oftener if required by the county nursing home board or its executive committee, forward to the executive committee a statement of the amount of all moneys so received and the names of the patients from whom received.*

When there accumulates money belonging to patients of a county nursing home who have died therein, or disappeared therefrom, and for which money there is no claimant or person entitled thereto known to the superintendent, such money if unclaimed for at least five years shall be credited to the general fund of the nursing home. No money shall be so used until it shall have remained unclaimed for at least five years. If, at any time after the expiration of the five years, the legal heirs of the patient shall appear and make proper proof of such heirship, they shall be entitled to receive from the county nursing home board such sums of money belonging to the patient, that have been expended by the superintendent.

Approved May 6, 1965.

Changes or additions indicated by italics, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.