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AN ACT

Making an appropriation to pay for the deficiency in the care treatment removal and maintenance of the indigent insane for the biennial period ending May thirty-first one thousand nine hundred seventeen

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*
4 *the sum of two hundred seven thousand one hundred*
5 *seventy-five and forty-three one hundredths dollars (\$207,-*
6 *175.43) or so much thereof as may be necessary be and*
7 *the same is hereby specifically appropriated to pay for the*
8 *deficiency in the care treatment removal and maintenance*
9 *of the indigent insane for the biennial period ending May*
10 *thirty-first one thousand nine hundred seventeen*

11 The said appropriation shall be paid on the warrant
12 of the Auditor General on the basis of settlement by
13 that officer and the State Treasurer but no warrant shall
14 be drawn or settlement made until the directors or man-

1 agers of the several hospitals and asylums for the insane
2 shall have made on oath or affirmation to the Auditor
3 General a quarterly report setting forth the actual number
4 of indigent persons received and maintained in said hos-
5 pitals and asylums for the insane respectively during the
6 quarter for which the report is made with the dates of
7 their admission and discharge or death respectively and
8 the actual time during which each of said indigent in-
9 sane persons was treated maintained and cared for dur-
10 ing said quarter Provided also That no payment shall
11 be made on account of the care and treatment of the
12 insane until the Secretary of the Board of Public Char-
13 ities shall have certified to the Auditor General under
14 oath that the quarterly report of the cost of such care
15 and treatment contains no charge except for "care treat-
16 ment removal and maintenance" as the said words are
17 construed in this act Provided further That the words
18 "care treatment removal and maintenance" used in this
19 act shall be construed to mean medical and surgical treat-
20 ment and nursing food and clothing and absolutely ne-
21 cessary repairs to existing buildings of such hospitals and
22 asylums

23 Section 2 It shall be the duty of the commissioners
24 of the several counties of the Commonwealth or the di-
25 rectors or overseers of the poor of the different counties
26 or poor districts of the State to report under oath to
27 the Auditor General on the first day of September Decem-
28 ber March and June of each year the number of in-
29 digent insane persons transferred from said counties or

1 poor districts respectively to the State hospitals or asylums
2 for the insane in their respective districts Said report
3 shall contain the name of every indigent insane person
4 so transferred or maintained at said hospitals or asylums
5 and shall set forth when he or she was admitted the
6 length of time cared for in said hospital or asylum and
7 the date of discharge or death