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MARCH 3, 1919.

AN ACT

Making an appropriation to pay for the care treatment
removal and maintenance of the indigent insane for
the two years ending the thirty-first day of May
one thousand nine hundred twenty-one

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 four million six hundred thousand (\$4,600,000)*
5 *dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and*
6 *the same is hereby specifically appropriated to pay for*
7 *the care treatment removal and maintenance of the in-*
8 *digent insane for and during the two years beginning*
9 *June first one thousand nine hundred nineteen and ending*
10 *May thirty-first one thousand nine hundred twenty-one*

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

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

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