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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 two years ending May thirty-first one thousand nine hundred nineteen

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 three hundred twenty-five thousand (\$325,000)*  
5 *dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and*  
6 *the same is hereby specifically appropriated to pay for*  
7 *the deficiency in the care treatment removal and mainte-*  
8 *nance of the indigent insane for the two years ending*  
9 *May thirty-first one thousand nine hundred nineteen*

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

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

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

1 port shall contain the name of every indigent insane per-  
2 son so transferred or maintained at said hospitals or  
3 asylums and shall set forth when he or she was ad-  
4 mitted the length of time cared for in said hospitals or  
5 asylum and the date of discharge or death