

44:5-11; 44:5-12

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

HJSA 44:5-11; 44:5-12 (Clinics for indigents - allow county appropriation for non-profit hospital)

LAWS OF 1979 CHAPTER 14

Bill No. S868

Sponsor(s) Russo

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Senate Institutions, Health & Welfare

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Sponsor statement Yes (Below)

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Sponsor's statement:

This bill authorizes appropriations for clinics maintained by non-profit hospitals for the benefit of the indigent.

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SENATE, No. 868

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 16, 1978

By Senator J. RUSSO

Referred to Committee on Institutions, Health and Welfare

AN ACT concerning county assistance for hospitalization and medical care of the poor, and amending sections 44:5-11 and 44:5-12 of the Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. R. S. 44:5-11 is amended to read as follows:

2 44:5-11. The ***[board of chosen freeholders]*** **governing body**
3 of a county which has no hospital located therein maintained by
4 the county other than the hospital or sick ward of the county poor
5 home, a county tuberculosis hospital or sanatorium, a county
6 hospital or sanatorium for the insane, or a hospital for contagious
7 and infectious diseases, may make an appropriation of not more
8 than \$800,000.00 in each year in the manner in which appropriations
9 for other county purposes are made, except that in counties having
10 a population of more than 300,000, according to the latest census,
11 the ***[board of chosen freeholders]*** **governing body** may make
12 such an annual appropriation of not more than \$1,500,000.00, which
13 sum so appropriated shall be included in the annual tax levy of the
14 county, and collected in the same manner and at the same time as
15 other county taxes, and shall be applied to the purpose of support-
16 ing and maintaining such patients as may be sent to any hospital
17 or hospitals operated by a nonprofit corporation *or to any clinic or*
18 *clinics maintained by any such hospital or hospitals.*

19 The sum so appropriated shall be used and applied for the benefit,
20 comfort, *treatment* and maintenance of such patients, inmates of
21 that hospital *or of such outpatients in attendance at clinics main-*
22 *tained by that hospital*, as are residents of the county at the time
23 of being sent to that hospital.

1 2. R. S. 44:5-12 is amended to read as follows:

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

2 44:5-12. Money appropriated by a *board of chosen free-
3 holders]* **governing body** and distributed and paid to any
4 hospital by virtue of section 44:5-11 of this Title, shall, if there is
5 more than one such hospital, be distributed among and paid to them
6 upon the basis of the free ward day's treatment furnished by each
7 of them for the benefit, comfort and maintenance of such patients,
8 inmates therein, *or in the case of clinics, by the number of in-*
9 *dividual treatments of patients*, as are residents of the county at
10 the time of being sent to that hospital, and not otherwise.

11 "Free ward day's treatment," as used in this section, means not
12 less than 24 hours' medical and nursing attention of a hospital
13 patient who occupies a listed hospital bed in the public ward for
14 at least 24 hours continuously and for which nothing is paid. Free
15 ward day's treatment shall not include treatment given to a person
16 who would not commonly be admitted to or maintained in the public
17 or contagious wards of general hospitals.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 868

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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DATED: JUNE 7, 1978

This bill amends R. S. 44:5-11 and R. S. 44:5-12 to allow a county which has no county hospital and which has appropriated funds for the comfort, treatment, and maintenance of patients sent to hospitals operated by nonprofit corporations to also use such funds for out-patient treatments in clinics operated by such hospitals. It establishes a procedure whereby such hospitals may receive funds for the treatment of the indigent at such clinics.

The committee amendments are technical in nature and serve to make the bill conform with the provisions of the Optional County Charter Law.
