

Hospital funding from Lehigh County

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WINDFALL FOR HOSPITAL

Institution to Claim Amount that
May Reach \$5000 Per Year.

FROM COUNTY OF LEHIGH

An Act of Legislature of 1874 Makes it
Permissible for the Trustees to Do
So—Treasurer Presents a
Bill.

The act of 1874 makes it permissible for the Allentown Hospital to claim a certain amount of money that may reach \$5000 a year from the county. The county commissioners have had a bill presented to them by E. I. Reninger, treasurer of the board of trustees of the hospital, to cover the first six months' payment for this year. The money is claimed from the county under the act of May 21, 1874. The hospital did not need the money before this year, but at present the income is slow, so it was decided to take advantage of the money which the law grants. The following is a copy of the act:

AN ACT.

To provide for the support out of the county treasury of the sick and injured poor when under treatment in hospitals, in certain cities and boroughs.

Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., That it shall be lawful for the managers or trustees of any hospital for the cure of the sick and injured which is now or may hereafter be established and duly incorporated, in any city or borough of this commonwealth containing a population of not less than 20,000 inhabitants, to make requisitions quarterly, upon the commissioners of the county in which such hospital may be situated, for the support of such poor patients under treatment in such hospitals as are unable to pay for their treatment, for which requisition the said commissioners shall grant orders upon the treasurer of the county, who shall pay the same to the treasurer of such hospital.

Section 2. That the sum be allowed for the support and treatment of any poor patient shall not exceed \$1 per day, nor shall a greater amount than \$5000 be paid out of the county treasury to any such hospital in any one year.

Section 3. That such hospital shall not be under the control of or owned by any religious sect or denomination but shall be opened for the reception and treatment of sick and injured citizens of Pennsylvania, without regard to creed, sex or race, and a report of its operations shall be made to the board of public charities of this commonwealth at such times and in such manner as the said board may require.

Section 4. That this act shall not apply to any hospital which has an endowment fund exceeding \$5000 per annum or other means of support, except voluntary contributions and pay from patients under treatment, nor to any hospital unless it and the land appurtenant to it are owned in fee simple by the corporation and are free from incumbrance.

Section 5. That when any sick or injured person shall be received into any such hospital being indigent and unable to pay for his or her proper medical or surgical treatment and who has no legal settlement in the county in which said hospital is or may be situated, it shall be the duty of the managers or trustees of said hospital to notify the directors or overseers of the poor of the said county, who shall thereupon notify the directors or overseers of the poor of the county or township in which such sick or injured persons has a legal settlement, and they shall be liable for all reasonable charges incurred for the care of said patient not exceeding \$1 per day; Provided, That when any such poor person shall be received into any such hospital who has not a legal settlement in the poor district in which such hospital shall be situated, notice that such person is under treatment in such hospital shall be given to the overseers of the poor of the county or district in which such poor person has a legal settlement, within thirty days after he or she shall be received into such hospital; or the said county or district shall not be liable to pay for more than thirty days' treatment in any such hospital; and the overseers of the poor of the district in which the poor person shall have a legal settlement shall have the right to take every such person from any such hospital to their own district for treatment and support if they shall see fit.

Approved—The twenty-first day of
May, A. D., 1874.

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