

inhabitants of their respective city, town or county hospitals or temporary places for the reception of the sick ; and for that purpose may themselves build such hospitals or places of reception, or contract for the use of any such hospital or part of a hospital or place of reception, or enter into any agreement with any person having the management of any hospital for the reception of the sick inhabitants of their city, town or county, on payment of such sum as may be agreed on ; or two or more local authorities may combine in providing a common hospital.

Hospital or temporary place.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That any expenses incurred by the authorities of any city, town or county, in maintaining a hospital, or in a temporary place for the reception of the sick, a patient who is not a pauper, shall be deemed to be a debt due from such patient to the authorities aforesaid, and may be recovered from him at any time within twelve months after the discharge from such hospital or place of reception, or from his estate, in the event of his dying in such hospital.

Expenses incurred—how recovered.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved March 30, 1882.