

dollars (\$50.00) for each and every day such violation shall continue, provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to affect in any manner any of the powers and duties of the [State Board of Health] SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE or any public general law relating to the subject of health. Any violation of the provisions of this subsection or of any ordinance or regulation made thereunder shall be deemed to be a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to the penalties provided hereinabove.

HOSPITALS AND RECEPTION CENTERS OF POLITICAL
SUBDIVISIONS

252. HOSPITALS AND RECEPTION CENTERS AUTHORIZED.

(A) "RECEPTION CENTER" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "RECEPTION CENTER" MEANS A PLACE THAT IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE TEMPORARY CARE OF THE SICK.

(B) IN GENERAL.

A CITY, TOWN, OR COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH A HOSPITAL OR RECEPTION CENTER FOR ITS INHABITANTS BY:

- (1) BUILDING A HOSPITAL OR RECEPTION CENTER;
- (2) CONTRACTING FOR THE USE OF A HOSPITAL, PART OF A HOSPITAL, OR A RECEPTION CENTER; OR
- (3) COMBINING WITH ANOTHER CITY, TOWN, OR COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A COMMON HOSPITAL.

(C) RECOVERING EXPENSES.

IF A PATIENT IS NOT INDIGENT, THE CITY, TOWN, OR COUNTY MAY RECOVER THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY ITS HOSPITAL OR RECEPTION CENTER IN CARING FOR THE PATIENT:

- (1) FROM THE PATIENT, ANY TIME WITHIN 3 YEARS AFTER THE DISCHARGE OF THE PATIENT FROM THE HOSPITAL OR RECEPTION CENTER; OR
- (2) FROM THE ESTATE OF THE PATIENT, IF THE PATIENT DIES IN THE HOSPITAL OR RECEPTION CENTER.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language added to avoid the repetitive use of "temporary places for the reception of the sick".

Subsections (b) and (c) of this section formerly appeared as Article 43, §§ 63 and 64.