

**ACT 23**

**A Bill for an Act Amending Chapter 46, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as Amended, by Adding a New Part Thereto, Authorizing a Program for Home Health Services.**

*Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

**SECTION 1.** This Act is hereby declared to be an urgency measure deemed necessary in the public interest within the meaning of section 11 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

The following is a statement of the facts constituting such urgency:

Under recent amendments to the Social Security Act, involving health insurance for the aged (Medicare), the department of health is authorized to certify medical facilities as "providers of services" and as home health services agencies. In order that the citizens of this State shall be able to enjoy the full benefits of said amendments, it is necessary that the department of health be authorized to participate as a provider of services in the federal social security programs, to establish a home health services program, and to charge and collect fees for services rendered pursuant to the foregoing.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 46, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new part to be designated and to read as follows:

**"PART VIII. HOME HEALTH SERVICES**

§ 46-80. The department is hereby authorized to establish and administer a program to provide home health services, pursuant to the provisions of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act. Home health services shall mean ancillary paramedical services rendered in the patient's home, and shall include, but not be limited to, professional nursing care, physio-therapy, occupational therapy, speech and hearing therapy, medical social services, and home health aide services. The authority of the department hereunder shall be liberally construed in order that the State may receive the maximum benefits of said Title XVIII.

§ 46-81. The department is hereby authorized to establish, charge, and collect reasonable fees for services rendered under the program set forth in section 46-80.

§ 46-82. There is hereby appropriated out of the general revenues of the State the sum of \$15,000 as a revolving fund, to be expended by the department for the purposes of this part. All moneys received by the department for services rendered under this part shall be deposited into said fund."

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
(Approved April 5, 1966.) **H.B. 309.**