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S. B. NO. 1583-70

A Bill for an Act Relating to Chronic Renal Disease.

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

SECTION 1. A new part is added to chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to be appropriately numbered and to read as follows:

**“PART CHRONIC RENAL DISEASE**

**Sec. 321- . Program for chronic renal disease.** The department of health shall establish and administer a program for aiding in the care and treatment of chronic renal disease as provided in this part.

**Sec. 321- . General duties of the department.** The department of health shall:

- (1) Extend financial assistance for the care and treatment of certain persons suffering from chronic renal disease;
- (2) Establish standards for determining eligibility for the financial assistance provided by this part;
- (3) Assist in the development and expansion of programs for the care and treatment of persons suffering from chronic renal disease, including dialysis and other lifesaving medical and surgical procedures;
- (4) Assist in the development of programs for the detection and prevention of chronic renal disease;
- (5) Assist the department of social services in making vocational rehabilitation services available to persons suffering from chronic renal disease; and
- (6) Undertake a public information program to educate medical person-

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nel, hospitals, and the public concerning chronic renal disease, its detection and prevention, and the care and treatment of its sufferers.

**Sec. 321- . Financial assistance; eligibility standards.** (a) The department of health shall extend financial assistance under this part to aid in offsetting:

- (1) Expenses directly incurred in dialysis or any other medical or surgical procedures necessary for the care and treatment of chronic renal disease; and
- (2) The cost of purchasing and installing home dialysis equipment and the supplies therefor.

(b) The department shall establish standards of eligibility for financial assistance under this part which, taking into consideration the total funds available under this part and the number of sufferers needing financial assistance, seek to minimize, to the greatest extent possible, the effect of chronic renal disease on the economic well-being of the sufferer and his family. In determining eligibility for financial assistance under this part, the department shall consider the financial resources of the patient, the availability of third party reimbursement for all or part of the expense of the care and treatment of the sufferer, and the extent to which the failure to extend financial assistance under this part would affect the sufferer and his family; provided that the financial assistance extended under this part shall not be used to reduce assistance payments from the department of social services to which the sufferer or his family is otherwise entitled.”

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the department of health for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes may exclude the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.\*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1970.

(Approved June 16, 1970.)

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\* Edited accordingly