

ACT 153

H. B. NO. 374

**A Bill for an Act Relating to Expenses for the Treatment of Mental Illness,
Drug Addiction and Alcoholism.**

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

SECTION 1. Section 334-6 (a) and (b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“(a) The director may make reasonable charges for outpatient professional and other personal services rendered to patients. In making the charges, the director shall take into consideration the financial circumstances of the patient and his family, and no charges shall be made where in the judgment of the director, the same might tend to make the patient or his family a public charge or to deprive the patient and his family of necessary support.

“(b) Every person not indigent or medically indigent hospitalized at a psychiatric facility under the jurisdiction of the State or a county, or at a psychiatric facility which derives more than fifty per cent of its revenues from the general fund of the State, shall be liable for the expenses attending his reception, maintenance, and treatment at the facility, and any property not exempt from execution belonging to the person shall be subject to sequestration for the payment of the expenses. Every non-indigent parent or legal guardian of a patient who is a minor and every non-indigent spouse of a patient shall be liable for the expenses attending the reception, maintenance, and treatment of his child or spouse who is hospitalized at a psychiatric facility under the jurisdiction of the State or a county, or at a psychiatric facility which derives more than fifty per cent of its revenues from the general fund of the State. The director may adjust the amount of the liability, taking into consideration the financial circumstances of the patient and his family, so that the charges imposed will not tend to make the patient or his family a public charge or deprive them of necessary support.”

SECTION 2. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 30, 1971.)

* Edited accordingly.