

AN ACT

To amend sections 955.41 and 955.42 of the Revised Code to increase the cap on the amount of reimbursement that a person may receive for treatment of a rabies bite and to generally limit reimbursement payments to injured persons who cannot, without deprivation of basic needs, provide for the payment of the treatment expenses themselves.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That sections 955.41 and 955.42 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 955.41. The board of county commissioners, not later than the third regular meeting after it is presented with the account provided for by section 955.42 of the Revised Code, shall examine ~~such the~~ the account; and, if it is found in whole or part correct and just, ~~shall~~ may order ~~the~~ a payment in whole or in part to either the patient and to, the representative of the patient referred to in that section, or the physician who rendered such the patient's medical or surgical treatment, in accordance with their respective claims, provided that a payment is made only for an account with respect to which the board determines the patient, the patient's estate, or the patient's parent or guardian, as applicable, is unable, without deprivation of basic needs, to further provide for the payment of the expenses incurred for the medical or surgical treatment. A person shall not receive for one bite or injury a sum exceeding ~~two~~ one thousand five hundred dollars.

Sec. 955.42. A person bitten or injured by an animal afflicted with rabies, if ~~such the~~ the bite or injury has caused ~~him~~ the person to employ medical or surgical treatment ~~or has required the expenditure of money,~~ present, within four months after ~~such the~~ the bite or injury and at a regular meeting of the board of county commissioners of the county where ~~such the~~ the bite or injury was received, ~~present~~ an itemized account of the expenses incurred and amount paid by ~~him~~ the person for medical and surgical ~~attendance~~ treatment, verified by ~~his~~ the person's own affidavit and that of

s the person's attending physician. The administrator or executor of the estate of a deceased person may present such claim and make such an account, execute such an affidavit on behalf of the deceased person, and present that affidavit and the attending physician's affidavit to the board within that four-month period. If the person so bitten or injured is a minor such, the person's parent or guardian may present such an account, execute such an affidavit may be made by his parent or guardian on behalf of the person, and present that affidavit and the attending physician's affidavit to the board within that four-month period. The person, the administrator or executor, or the parent or guardian, as applicable, shall present, with the account and affidavits, documentation establishing that the person, the person's estate, or the parent or guardian, as applicable, is unable, without deprivation of basic needs, to further provide for the payment of the expenses incurred for the medical or surgical treatment.

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SECTION 2. That existing sections 955.41 and 955.42 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

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The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Secretary of State.

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