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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 853

H. P. 666

House of Representatives, February 18, 1969

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Berman of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Disclosure of Information Concerning Patients at State Hospitals and the Pineland Hospital and Training Center.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 34, § 2159, additional. Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2159, to read as follows:

§ 2159. Disclosure of information

Section 2256 shall be applicable to any person admitted or sought to be admitted to the Pineland Hospital and Training Center under this chapter.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 34, § 2256, amended. The next to the last paragraph of section 2256 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 490 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

Nothing in this section shall preclude disclosure, upon proper inquiry, of information as to his current medical condition to any members of the family of a patient or to his relatives or friends, nor the disclosure of any information concerning the patient to other hospitals, accredited social agencies or for purposes of research; nor the disclosure of biographical or medical information concerning the patient to commercial or governmental insurers, or any other corporation, association or agency from which the department may receive reimbursement for the care and treatment or support of the patient; **nor the disclosure or use of any information, including recorded or transcribed diagnostic and therapeutic interviews, concerning any patient hospitalized under this chapter in connection with any educational or training program, established between a public hospital and any college, university, hospital,**

psychiatric or counselling clinic, or school of nursing, provided that in the disclosure or use of any such information as part of a course of instruction or training program the patient's identity shall remain undisclosed; nor shall this section affect the public-record status of the court docket, so called.