

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 20

In Senate, Jan. 14, 1913.

Presented by Senator Dutton of Kennebec and on motion by Senator Moulton of Cumberland, laid on the table for printing, pending reference to a committee.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:
AN ACT additional to Chapter one hundred and forty-four
of the Revised Statutes in relation to the emergency com-
mitment of insane patients to Insane Hospitals.

The superintendent of the Maine Insane Hospital or of
2 the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital may, when requested
3 by a blood relative, husband or wife, of the said alleged
4 insane person, or by any justice of the peace, upon the cer-
5 tificate of two physicians qualified by law, which certificate
6 may be filed with the municipal officers or Judge of Probate
7 for commitment as prescribed in section 16; receive and
8 care for in such hospital, as a patient for a period not ex-
9 ceeding seven days, any person who needs immediate care

10 and treatment because of mental derangement other than
11 drunkenness. Such request for admission of a patient
12 shall be put in writing and filed at the hospital at the time
13 of the reception of the patient, together with a certificate
14 from the physicians in a form prescribed or approved by
15 the Board of Hospital Trustees, giving such information
16 as said board may deem appropriate. Such person who is
17 deemed by the superintendent not suitable for such care
18 shall, upon request of the superintendent, be removed forth-
19 with from the hospital by the person requesting his recep-
20 tion; and, if he is not so removed, such person shall be liable
21 for all reasonable expenses incurred, under provision of
22 this act, on account of the patient, which may be recovered
23 by the hospital in an act of contract. The person request-
24 ing reception of such patient for temporary care shall, im-
25 mediately upon his reception into the hospital, make appli-
26 cation to the municipal officers or judge of probate for his
27 commitment as prescribed in section 16, and failing thereof
28 shall be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars. The expenses
29 of the transportation of said patient to the hospital and his
30 subsequent commitment, shall be borne by the person or
31 town liable, under the provisions of the law, for the expense
32 of such commitment.