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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Eighth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

1917

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## Chapter 120.

An Act to Amend Section Seventeen of Chapter One Hundred Forty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Examination and Commitment of Persons to Insane Hospitals.

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

R. S., c. 145, § 17, relating to commitment to insane hospitals, by municipal officers, amended. Section seventeen of chapter one hundred forty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "trustees" in the nineteenth line thereof, the words: 'Pending the issue of such certificate by the municipal officers such superintendent may receive into his hospital any person so alleged on complaint to be insane, provided such person be accompanied by a copy of the complaint and physician's certificate, which certificate shall set forth that in the judgment of the physician the condition of said person is such that immediate restraint or detention is necessary for his comfort and safety, and provided further that unless within ten days thereafter said superintendent shall be furnished with the certificate hereinbefore provided for, the detention of such person shall cease,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 17. Patients may be received without certificate of municipal officers. Shall not be detained longer than ten days unless certificate is furnished. Insane persons, not thus sent to any hospital, shall be subject to examination as hereinafter provided. The municipal officers of towns shall constitute a board of examiners, and on complaint in writing of any blood relative, husband or wife of said alleged insane person, or of any justice of the peace, they shall immediately inquire into the condition of any person in said town alleged to be insane; shall appoint a time and place for a hearing by them of the allegations of said complaint, and shall cause to be given in hand to the person so alleged to be insane, at least twenty-four hours prior to the time of said hearing, a true copy of said complaint, together with a notice of the time and place of said hearing and that he has the right and will be given opportunity then and there to be heard in the matter; shall call before them all testimony necessary for a full understanding of the case; and if they think such person insane and that his comfort and safety or that of others interested, will thereby be promoted, they shall forthwith send him to one of the insane hospitals with a certificate stating the fact of his insanity, and the town in which he resided or was found at the time of examination, and directing the superintendent to receive and detain him until he is restored or discharged by law, or by the superintendent or trustees. Pending the issue of such certificate by the municipal officers such superintendent may receive into his hospital any person so alleged on complaint to be insane, provided such

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person be accompanied by a copy of the complaint and physician's certificate, which certificate shall set forth that in the judgment of the physician the condition of said person is such that immediate restraint or detention is necessary for his comfort and safety, and provided further that unless within ten days thereafter said superintendent shall be furnished with the certificate hereinbefore provided for, the detention of such person shall cease. They shall keep a record of their doings, and furnish a copy to any interested person requesting and paying for it.'

Approved March 29, 1917.

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## Chapter 121.

An Act to Amend Section Seventeen of Chapter Twelve of the Revised Statutes, Providing for Notice by Registers of Deeds to Municipal Officers of Real Estate Transfers.

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

**R. S., c. 12, § 17, relating to the recording of deeds by registers, amended.** Section seventeen of chapter twelve of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the word "records" in the last line of said section; the following words: 'It shall also be the duty of the register when a deed or instrument conveying real estate is filed for record to notify in writing, within twenty-four hours after such deed or instrument is so filed, the assessors of the city, town, plantation or unincorporated place in which the land is situated described therein, giving the names of the grantors and grantees, the residence of each, and the date of transfer. He shall receive for his services the sum of ten cents for the use of the county for each transfer to be paid by the treasurer of each city, town or plantation in which said land is situated on the first day of January and July of each year,' so that section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 17. Registers to notify assessors of municipalities, where real estate is located, within 24 hours.** Every register shall, at the time of receiving any deed or instrument for record, certify thereon the day and the time of day when it was received and filed; every such paper shall be considered as recorded at the time when it was received and such time shall be entered on the record thereof. Within one hour after its delivery to him, the register shall enter such time, the names of the grantor and grantee, and their places of residence, the nature of the instruments, the amount of the consideration named therein and the name of the town or incorporated place as shown by the instrument, in which the property conveyed is located, in a book kept for that purpose, and open to inspection in business hours; and he shall suffer no deed or instrument for the conveyance of real estate to be altered, amended or withdrawn, until it is fully recorded and examined. The records may be attested by the volume, and it shall be deemed to be sufficient attestation of such records, when each volume bears the attest with the written signature of the register or other person authorized by law to attest such records. It shall also be the duty of the register when a deed or instrument conveying real estate is filed for