

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

SEVENTH REVISION

THE
REVISED STATUTES

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

PASSED AUGUST 5, 1930, AND TAKING
EFFECT NOVEMBER 10, 1930



By the Authority of the Legislature

AUGUSTA
KENNEBEC JOURNAL PRINT

Sec. 64. Private hospital to be visited. 1929, c. 137, § 7. Each of said licensed hospitals or houses shall be visited at least once a year, and oftener if the governor so directs, by a member of the state department of health who shall carefully inspect every part of said hospital or house visited with reference to its cleanliness and sanitary conditions and who shall make a report to the governor and council with such recommendations to improve conditions as said department may deem necessary.

Sec. 65. License may be revoked after hearing. 1929, c. 137, § 8. Upon the failure of any superintendent or manager of such licensed hospital or house to comply with any of the provisions of sections fifty-eight to sixty-four inclusive, the governor and council may order a hearing to be held and notify in writing said superintendent or manager of such hearing, by seven days' notice, to be held at the council chambers in the state house at Augusta, and if it shall appear to the governor and council that the provisions of said sections have not been complied with, they may revoke the license of said hospital or house.

CHAPTER 156.

State Sanatoriums for Treatment of Tuberculosis.

Sec. 1. Establishment and maintenance of one or more sanatoriums. R. S. c. 146, § 1. The state shall maintain by building, lease, or by purchase one or more sanatoriums in such districts of the state as shall seem best to serve the needs of the people for the care and treatment of persons affected with tuberculosis. Where lease or purchase is made the state shall have the right to enlarge or otherwise adapt the property to meet the needs of the situation; and such additions or improvements shall be considered permanent. At the expiration of the original lease of any property for use as a tuberculosis sanatorium the state shall have the right of renewal or of purchase.

119 Me. 56.

Sec. 2. Appointment of trustees; their tenure. R. S. c. 146, § 2. The government of the several sanatoriums shall be vested in a board of five trustees, inhabitants of the state, who shall be known as "Board of Trustees for Tuberculosis Sanatoriums." Upon the expiration from time to time of the terms of the trustees originally appointed, and annually thereafter, the governor with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a member of said board to hold office for the term of five years; not more than three members of any one political party shall serve on the board of trustees at the same time. Any vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled by the appointment of a person to hold office for the remainder of the term of the person whose place he fills. The governor with the advice and consent of the council, may remove any trustee for cause.

Sec. 3. Duties of the trustees; appointment of superintendent and staff. R. S. c. 146, § 3. The board shall have the general management and supervision of the state tuberculosis sanatoriums, and one or more of the trustees shall visit each institution under supervision at least once each month. The board shall as soon as practicable erect necessary buildings or alter any buildings on property acquired, for sanatorium use in the proper care and treatment of persons sick with tuberculosis. They may appoint the superintendents, physicians, assistants, and other employees, for the proper administration of the

several sanatoriums, and fix their compensation; and shall have like duties and like powers as those required of or vested in the trustees of other state hospitals. The acts of the board of trustees shall be subject to the approval of the governor and council.

Sec. 4. Trustees may hold in trust any gift or grant of land. R. S. c. 146, § 4. The board of trustees may accept and hold in trust for the state, any grant or devise of land, or any gift or bequest of money or other personal property, or any donation to be applied, principal or income, or both, for the benefit of either or all said sanatoriums; and to apply the same in accordance with the terms of the gift.

Sec. 5. Admittance of patients; charges for treatment. R. S. c. 146, § 5. 1917, c. 264. Persons having legal residence in Maine shall be admitted to these sanatoriums from any part of the state; provided after due examination by any reputable physician or the superintendent of the sanatorium said person shall be found to be suffering from tuberculosis. All patients in the state sanatoriums shall pay to the state the actual cost of such treatment including all board, supplies, and incidentals; provided that the trustees of said sanatoriums may, after a proper investigation of the financial circumstances of the patient, either before or after admission, if they find said patient or his or her relatives are unable to pay said cost in whole or in part, waive such cost charge or so much thereof as they deem the circumstances warrant and provided further, that said trustees in granting admissions to said sanatoriums after giving consideration to the need of treatment by and the menace to other persons of, the prospective patient, shall not give preference to any person because of his ability to pay the whole or any part of said cost charge. No discrimination shall be made in the accommodation, care, or treatment of any patient because of the fact that the patient or his relatives do or do not contribute in whole or in part to the charge for treatment; and no officer or employee of such state sanatorium shall accept from any patient thereof any fee or gratuity whatever for any service rendered.

Sec. 6. Approval and payment of expenses; annual report of trustees. R. S. c. 146, § 6. The governor and council shall, before the payment thereof, approve all bills of the board of trustees contracted in establishing and maintaining or operating the state tuberculosis sanatoriums. The board of trustees shall on or before the first day of October of each year, make a report to the governor and council, containing a history of the several sanatoriums for the year and a complete statement of all accounts, with all the funds, general and special, appropriated or belonging to said sanatoriums, including a detailed statement of disbursements.

Sec. 7. Inmates of state prison or reformatories afflicted with tuberculosis may be transferred to state sanatoriums. 1921, c. 31. 1929, c. 89. Inmates of state prison or reformatories afflicted with tuberculosis may be transferred to state sanatoriums. Whenever any inmate of the state prison or of the men's reformatory or of the women's reformatory shall become afflicted with tuberculosis so that the welfare of such inmate or the safety of the other inmates of such institution shall require removal therefrom, the board of prison commissioners or the reformatory trustees, with the approval of the governor, may cause him or her to be removed to one of the state sanatoriums, to be there kept and treated until he or she may safely be returned to said prison or reformatory. In the admission of new patients the officers of such sanatoriums shall give preference to persons transferred under this section.