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CHAPTER 185
HOSPITALS GENERALLY

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§ 2101. Maintenance; location

The State shall maintain 2 hospitals for the mentally ill, one at Bangor called the Bangor State Hospital and the other at Augusta, called the Augusta State Hospital.

R.S.1954, c. 27, § 95.

§ 2102. Superintendent; powers and duties; removal

The head of each hospital shall be called the superintendent and shall be a qualified psychiatrist. He shall have general superintendence of the hospital and grounds under the direction of the department, and shall receive all patients in need of special care and treatment, legally sent to the hospital, that the accommodations permit, subject to the regulations of the department.

R.S.1954, c. 27, § 96; 1961, c. 304, §§ 12, 13; c. 317, § 44; c. 417, § 74; 1963, c. 94.

§ 2103. Rules and regulations

The superintendent of each hospital shall keep posted, in conspicuous places about the hospital under his charge, printed cards containing the rules and regulations prescribed for the government of employees or shall furnish employees with printed rules and regulations.

R.S.1954, c. 27, § 97.

§ 2104. Specialists for temporary patients; bureau for community service

In every state institution, to which a mentally ill, feeble-minded or epileptic person may be committed, the department shall appoint a physician experienced in the care and treatment of

such persons, and the necessary assistants to such physician, and shall organize and administer under his direction a Bureau for Community Service in the district served by the institution. The duties of said bureau shall be:

1. Supervision of patients who have left. The supervision of patients who have left the institution with a view to their safe care at home, suitable employment and self-support under good working and living conditions, and prevention of their relapse and return to public dependency;

2. Mental condition of indigent patients. Provision for informing and advising any indigent person, his relatives or friends, and the representatives of any charitable agency as to the mental condition of any indigent person, as to the prevention and treatment of such condition, as to the available institutions or other means of caring for the person so afflicted and as to any other matter relative to the welfare of such person;

3. Cooperation with state departments. Whenever it is deemed advisable the superintendent of the institution may cooperate with state departments to examine upon request and recommend suitable treatment and supervision for:

A. Persons thought to be afflicted with mental or nervous disorder,

B. School children who are nervous, psychopathic, retarded, defective or incorrigible,

C. Children brought before any juvenile court;

4. Information on mental conditions. The acquisition and dissemination of knowledge of mental disease, feeble-mindedness, epilepsy and allied conditions, with a view to promoting a better understanding and the most enlightened public sentiment and policy in such matters. In this work the bureau may cooperate with local authorities, schools and social agencies.

R.S.1954, c. 27, § 148; 1959, c. 242, § 8.