

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 38.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND FIFTY-SIX.

AN ACT additional to an act for the support of certain
insane persons at the insane hospital, approved April
seventeen, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. Whenever any person, unable to pay
2 his or her board and expenses, shall be committed to
3 the Maine Insane Hospital, the officers ordering such
4 commitment, may certify to the superintendent in
5 writing, if such be the fact, that the person so ordered
6 to be committed to the hospital, as insane, has not
7 property or means sufficient to pay his or her board
8 at the hospital, or relations liable by law for his or her
9 support of sufficient ability to pay the same ; and in

10 every such case, the treasurer of the hospital may
11 charge to the state, and the state shall pay, one dollar
12 per week of said patient's board while in the hospital,
13 and deduct that sum weekly from the charge to the
14 patient, city, town or plantation liable for his or her
15 support.

SECT. 2. The superintendent shall apportion the
2 number of patients he may be enabled to accommo-
3 date at the hospital, to the several cities and towns in
4 the state, according to their population appearing by
5 the next preceding census; and whenever the appli-
6 cations for admission shall exceed, or in his opinion
7 shall be liable to exceed, the accommodations of the
8 hospital, he may reject the same, or shall discriminate
9 in his admissions in favor of the commitment from
10 such city or town as shall not have its full proportion
11 of patients in the hospital.

SECT. 3. If at any time it shall appear to the su-
2 perintendent that any person has been committed to
3 the hospital without due form of law, he shall report
4 the case to the board of trustees at their next monthly
5 meeting, and the trustees may cause the removal of
6 such person to the city, town or plantation from which
7 such person was committed; and such person, city,

8 town or plantation as would have been liable for the
9 support of such insane person so illegally committed,
10 shall be liable for the board, expenses, and expense of
11 removal of such person so illegally committed, in
12 like manner as such person, city, town or plantation
13 would have been liable if said person had been legally
14 committed, *provided* that the expense for removal of
15 such person so illegally committed shall not exceed
16 ten cents per mile travel from the Hospital to the
17 place from whence such person was committed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, April 1, 1856.

ORDERED, That 700 copies of the accompanying bill, reported by the Joint Standing Committee on the Insane Hospital, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

WM. G. CLARK, *Secretary*.