

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 24.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND SIXTY.

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred and forty-three
of the revised statutes, relating to the insane hospital.

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

SECTION 1. Section four of said chapter is amended
2 so as to read as follows :

SECT. 4. There shall be a thorough examination of
2 the hospital monthly, by two of the trustees ; quarterly
3 by three ; and annually by a majority of the full board,
4 and at any other time when they deem it necessary or
5 the superintendent requests it. At each visit, a writ-
6 ten account of the state of the institution shall be drawn
7 up by the visitors, recorded and presented at the an-

8 nual meeting of the trustees, at which meeting said
9 trustees shall, together with the superintendent, make
10 a particular examination into the condition of each
11 patient, and discharge those to whose support the state
12 contributes, who shall be found so far restored that his
13 comfort and safety and that of the public no longer
14 require his confinement. They shall have for compen-
15 sation two dollars a day and the same sum for every
16 ten miles travel while engaged in their official duty ;
17 their accounts shall be audited by the governor and
18 council, who shall draw warrants on the treasurer of
19 state for the amount due them and the other officers of
20 the institution, except attendants on the patients and
21 laborers on the premises, and for all money appropri-
22 ated by the legislature for the insane hospital.

SECT. 2. Section twenty of said chapter is hereby
2 amended so as to read as follows :

“ SECT. 20. Any town thus made chargeable in the
2 first instance and paying for the commitment and sup-
3 port of the insane in the hospital, may recover the
4 amount paid of the insane, if able, or of persons legally
5 liable for his support, or of the town where his legal
6 settlement is, as if incurred for the expenses of any
7 pauper. No insane person shall suffer any of the dis-
8 abilities incident to pauperism, nor be hereafter deemed
9 a pauper by reason of such support.”

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 2, 1860. }

Twice read and assigned, and on motion of Mr. BENSON of Newport, 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk pro tem.*