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No. 533

S. P. 200

In Senate, January 19, 1961

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Christie of Aroostook.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Hospitalization of Persons Suffering from Excessive Use  
of Alcohol.**

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

**R. S., c. 25, § 167, amended.** Section 167 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 167. Persons suffering from use of opiates committed to general hospital.** A person alleged to be suffering from the effects of the use of an opiate, cocaine, chloral hydrate, ~~or~~ other narcotic, **barbiturate or the excessive use of alcohol** may be committed to the care of any hospital, **including any state hospital for the mentally ill** or any legally qualified physician of not less than 5 years' actual practice for treatment ~~and the~~. **The** medical authorities of said hospital or said physician to whom said patient is committed may restrain said patient, so committed, in such manner as may be necessary for his protection, for a period of not more than 90 days.'