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S. P. 347

In Senate, February 1, 1961

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Boardman of Washington.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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AN ACT Regarding Commitment to Pineland Hospital and Training Center by  
Municipal Courts.

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

R. S., c. 27, § 145-A, additional. Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 145-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 145-A. Municipal court may commit. Procedure for committal of persons by the municipal court to Pineland Hospital and Training Center are as follows:

I. Examination by psychiatrist. If, in any proceeding before a municipal court, the court has cause to believe that the person is mentally retarded or mentally ill, the court may require such person to be examined by a qualified psychiatrist and the result of said examination shall be reported to the court for its guidance.

The expense of any examination authorized by this section shall be paid by the county in which the municipal court ordering such examination is sitting.

II. Commitment. After receiving the result of said examination as described in subsection I indicating the person to be, in the opinion of the psychiatrist, mentally retarded or mentally ill, the municipal court may dismiss the action against such person and may commit said person to the Pineland Hospital and Training Center for further observation and treatment.'