

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

ONE - HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1355

S. P. 415

In Senate, February 8, 1961

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Carpenter of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

**AN ACT Revising the Law Relating to Board of Visitors for
Institutions Within Department of Mental Health and Corrections.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 27, § 17, repealed and replaced. Section 17 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof.

‘Sec. 17. Board of Visitors. The Governor may appoint a Board of Visitors to consist of 9 members who shall be concerned with the inspection of plant facilities and operations of all the institutions in the Department of Mental Health and Corrections. Of the first appointments 3 shall be appointed for one year, 3 for 2 years and 3 for 3 years, one of whom as elected by the committee shall serve as first chairman. Thereafter, appointments shall be made for 3 years and the chairman elected annually from the membership of the board.

No members of the Legislature or the Executive Council shall serve on the committee while, insofar as possible, members of the board shall be persons experienced in the fields of law, medicine, religion, architecture and the behavioral sciences.

The board shall visit each institution in the department at least once a year and on as many occasions thereafter as the commissioner may deem necessary and shall be recompensed for so doing at the rate of \$10 per day and necessary expenses.

The board shall have the authority and duty to report to the commissioner and recommend on the occasion of each visit to an institution in the department in respect to:

I. Policy. Policy of the institution or department on any matters within the proper jurisdiction of either.

II. Laws. The enactment of such laws as may be deemed necessary relative to the needs or activities of the institution.

III. Rules and regulations. The promulgation of such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to implement the intent of the laws which govern the institution and the department.'

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections from the General Fund the sum of \$3,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and \$3,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 to carry out the purposes of this act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1961-1962	1962-1963
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS		
Board of Visitors		
Personal services	\$1,500	\$1,500
All other	\$1,500	\$1,500