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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 353

S. P. 125

In Senate, January 16, 1963

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Pike of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Transferring Alcoholic Rehabilitation to 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, §§ 195-196, additional. Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections to be numbered 195 and 196, to read as follows:

‘Alcoholism.

Sec. 195. Alcoholism. Alcoholism is declared to be an acute problem requiring such efforts as may reasonably be made in the treatment thereof. The department is authorized to take such action as it may deem necessary to assist in bringing about the reduction in alcoholism.

Sec. 196. Advisory committee. An advisory committee, as heretofore established, shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, to advise and consult with the Department of Mental Health and Corrections in carrying out the administration of section 195. The committee shall consist of 7 members and shall include the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections, ex officio. The chairman shall be appointed by the Governor. Each member shall hold office for a term of 3 years, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. Committee members, while serving on business of the committee, shall receive no compensation but shall be entitled to receive actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses while so serving away from their places of residence. The committee shall meet as frequently as the chairman deems necessary but not less than once each year.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 25, §§ 91-92, repealed. Sections 91 and 92 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes are repealed.

Sec. 3. Transfer of duties. The duties imposed upon the Department of Health and Welfare under the Revised Statutes, chapter 25, sections 91 and 92 are hereby transferred and imposed upon the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

Sec. 4. Appropriations. Whatever funds are appropriated by the 101st Legislature for alcoholic rehabilitation shall be credited to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.