

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 55

House of Representatives, January 13, 1965

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

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Carswell of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Informal Admission of the Mentally Ill.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 2290, additional. Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2290, to read as follows:

'Sec. 2290. Informal admission. Any person 16 years of age or over, having no criminal action pending against him, desiring admission to a hospital for the mentally ill other than a private hospital, for care and treatment of a mental illness, may be admitted, subject, except in case of medical emergency, to the availability of suitable accommodations, as a patient without making formal application therefor, although standard hospital information may be elicited, if, after examination, the head of the hospital deems such person suitable for such admission, care and treatment. Any such patient shall be free to leave such hospital at any time after admission. The head of the hospital admitting the individual shall forthwith make a report thereof to the department. This head of the hospital shall cause every patient admitted pursuant to this section to be informed at the time of admission of his status as an informally admitted patient and of his freedom to leave the hospital at any time.'