

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 80

H. P. 69

House of Representatives, January 13, 1965

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. 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 Civil Rights of Persons Hospitalized for Mental Illness.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 2254, sub-§ 3, additional. Section 2254 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 3, to read as follows:

‘3. General rights. Except to the extent that the head of the hospital determines that it is necessary for the medical welfare of the patient to impose restrictions, and unless a patient has been adjudicated incompetent and has not been restored to legal capacity, to exercise all civil rights, including, but not limited to, civil service status, the right to vote, rights relating to the granting, renewal, forfeiture or denial of a license, permit, privilege or benefit pursuant to any law, and the right to enter contractual relationships and to manage his property.

A. Any limitations imposed by the head of the hospital on the exercise of these rights by the patient and the reasons for such limitations shall be made a part of the clinical record of the patient.’