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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 474

House of Representatives, January 27, 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 Pineland Hospital and Training Center's Admission Procedures.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 34, § 2152, amended. The first paragraph of section 2152 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'The Superintendent of the Pineland Hospital and Training Center, subject, except in the case of emergency admittance, to the availability of suitable accommodations ~~and in the order of priority determined by the department~~, shall receive for observation, diagnosis, training, education, treatment or care any person whose admittance is applied for under any of the following procedures.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 34, § 2152, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 2152 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

1. Voluntary admittance.

A. Application. Application for voluntary admittance of any person to the Pineland Hospital and Training Center shall be made to the ~~department~~ **superintendent** in writing by a parent, relative, spouse or guardian of the person, a health or public welfare officer, or the head of any institution in which such person may be; and

B. Certification. Certification by either a psychiatrist or a licensed physician and a certified psychologist that they have examined the person, and that in **their opinion** such person is mentally retarded or being between the ages of 6 and 16 is mentally ill and is in need of institutional care, such as is provided at the Pineland Hospital and Training Center; except that, certification by a

psychologist shall not be required if the person, as determined by the ~~department~~ **superintendent**, is so severely retarded as to be untestable by formal methods.'

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 34, § 2152, sub-§ 2, amended. The next to the last sentence of subsection 2 of section 2152 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'~~A report of the circumstances of such emergency admission shall be made promptly to the department and if~~ **If** continuing care and treatment is indicated the regular admission procedures shall be initiated for voluntary admission without certification.'