

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 629

H. P. 476

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 Application to Municipalities for Support of Indigent Dischargees from the Pineland Hospital and Training Center.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 4458-A, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 4458-A to read as follows:

‘Sec. 4458-A. Application to municipalities for support of indigent dischargees from the Pineland Hospital and Training Center. When, in the opinion of the Superintendent of the Pineland Hospital and Training Center an indigent patient is no longer a proper subject for such institution, but is mentally retarded, the superintendent may, prior to his discharge, apply in writing to the indigent patient’s municipality of legal settlement for payment for nursing home or boarding home care, to be furnished upon discharge. When said application is approved in writing by the overseers of the poor, if a town, or by the welfare director, if a city, the expenses of said care shall be paid by the municipality to the nursing home or boarding home. The nursing home or boarding home shall be approved by the superintendent and by the overseers of the poor, if a town, or by the welfare director, if a city. Payments made by a municipality shall not be considered to be pauper support, but may be paid from funds made available for the relief of the poor, but shall in no other respect be treated as pauper expense. Said superintendent shall in every proper case, simultaneously with such application, apply on behalf of such patient to the Department of Health and Welfare for aid under section 3401.’