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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 :

‘§ 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 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 conditional 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 patient shall be conditionally discharged and 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 be paid from funds made available for the relief of the poor, and shall be considered to be pauper support. Said superintendent shall in every case, simultaneously with such application, apply on behalf of such patient to the Department of Health and Welfare for aid under section 3401.

At their discretion the overseers of the poor or welfare director shall notify the Pineland Hospital and Training Center of the circumstances requiring re-

admission of such dischargee to the Pineland Hospital and Training Center, which readmission shall take place forthwith. Upon conditional discharge the responsibility of the superintendent under Title 34, section 2151 with respect to such patient shall cease and shall be reestablished upon readmission.'