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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 304

H. P. 214

House of Representatives, January 25, 1967

Referred to Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Williams of Hodgdon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

RESOLVE, to Reimburse Town of Sherman Mills for Overpayments to the Bangor State Hospital for the Care of Etta Conroy.

Town of Sherman Mills; reimbursed. Resolved: That there be appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$3,438 to be paid to the Town of Sherman Mills to reimburse the Town of Sherman Mills for overpayments to the Bangor State Hospital for care and treatment of Etta Conroy.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In 1940 under the provisions of P. L., 1939, c. 227, the Bangor State Hospital billed the Town of Sherman Mills for the board and care of one, Etta Conroy, said person having a legal settlement in that town and said town having failed to remove this patient from the hospital following the hospital's request for such removal.

Sherman Mills paid for the board and care of Etta Conroy under the above cited law and continued to do so under R. S., 1944, c. 23, § 141, and under R. S., 1954, c. 27, § 140; the latter statute was repealed by P. L., 1961, c. 303, § 10, effective September 16, 1961; however, the Bangor State Hospital continued to bill the Town of Sherman Mills for the board and care of this patient until May 31, 1966, when the possible error was discovered and the Division of Reimbursement of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections ordered that charges cease pending inquiry into the legality of continuing charges.

After consideration of the matter by the Attorney General's Office the Department of Mental Health and Corrections has been advised that the Town of Sherman Mills was not liable for the support of Etta Conroy after September 16, 1961. As indicated above, the Bangor State Hospital continued to charge the town for this patient's support, and payments were continuously made until charges ceased. The sum of \$3,438 was received from the Town of Sherman Mills during the period from September 16, 1961 through May 31, 1966.