

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 485

House of Representatives, February 8, 1967

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Maternity Homes or Hospitals.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 1811, amended. The first sentence of section 1811 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

No person, partnership, association or corporation, nor any county or local governmental units, shall establish, conduct or maintain in the State any hospital, ~~including any maternity home or hospital~~ sanatorium, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or other institution for the hospitalization or nursing care of human beings without first obtaining a license therefor.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 22, § 1812, repealed. Section 1812 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 22, § 1813, amended. Section 1813 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 1813. Existing hospitals must obtain licenses

No person, partnership, association or corporation, nor any county or local governmental units may continue to operate an existing hospital, ~~maternity home or hospital~~ sanatorium, convalescent home, rest home or nursing home, nor open a hospital, ~~maternity home or hospital~~ sanatorium, convalescent home, rest home or nursing home unless such operation shall have been approved and regularly licensed by the State.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 22, § 1815, amended. The first sentence of section 1815 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Each application for a license to operate a hospital, ~~maternity home or hospital~~ sanatorium, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or related institution, within the meaning of this chapter, shall be accompanied by a fee of \$15.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 22, § 1817, amended. The first sentence of section 1817 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 453 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

The department is authorized to issue licenses to operate hospitals, ~~maternity homes or hospitals~~ sanatoriums, convalescent homes, rest homes, nursing homes or other related institutions, which, after inspection, are found to comply with this chapter and any reasonable regulations adopted by said department.

Sec. 6. R. S., T. 22, § 1821, amended. Section 1821 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 1821. Violations; penalties

Any person, partnership, association or corporation, including county or local governmental units, establishing, conducting, managing or operating any hospital, ~~maternity home or hospital~~ sanatorium, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or institution within the meaning of this chapter, without first obtaining a license therefor, or who shall violate any of the provisions of said chapter or regulations thereunder, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Under present day conditions there is no need to license any facility as a "Maternity Home," and none are now so licensed. There is no longer any need for this statutory provision.