

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 2, 1967

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Edwards of Stockton Springs.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing for Clinical Treatment and Rehabilitation of Alcoholics.

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

R. S., T. 22, §§ 1356-1360, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 5 new sections, to be numbered 1356 to 1360, to read as follows:

§ 1356. Duties

The Commissioner of Health and Welfare shall formulate and effect a program for the prevention, care, treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics. The program shall:

1. Treatment. Furnish such financial aid to alcoholics in any manner which, in the commissioner's judgment, will afford the greatest benefit to said alcoholics, and he shall have the power in this connection to make suitable arrangements with hospitals, clinics, doctors, counseling services or municipal overseers of the poor which, in his discretion, shall be deemed advisable to afford proper treatment, care of rehabilitation of the alcoholics;
2. Out-patient clinics. Set up and operate out-patient clinics in various areas of the State and cooperate with and assist public or private clinics operated by nonprofit agencies;
3. Educational program. Carry on an educational program on alcoholism for the benefit of the general public, chronic alcoholics or professional persons who care for or may be engaged in the care and treatment of alcoholics;
4. Indigent alcoholics. Cooperate with properly qualified private doctors in making arrangements for the treatment and care of indigent alcoholics and

arrange for payment for medical and hospital care on a cost or charge basis for such indigent alcoholics in the treatment of his alcoholism;

5. Training. Provide a program of training for departmental personnel assigned to the administration of this chapter.

§ 1357. Rules and regulations; reports

The commissioner shall, with the advice of the advisory committee, make such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary to carry out this chapter. The commissioner shall report to the Governor within 15 days after the convening of each regular legislative session, which report shall be transmitted by the Governor to the Legislature.

§ 1358. Authority to accept gifts

The commissioner is authorized to accept, receive and administer and expend any gifts or grants of any description.

§ 1359. Alcoholic Rehabilitation Fund

To provide funds for the treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics, there is established a fund to be known as the "Alcoholic Rehabilitation Fund," to be created and maintained from funds taken from the liquor tax imposed under Title 28, chapter 11. The fund shall be deposited with the Treasurer of State to carry out this chapter. Such fund shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account.

§ 1360. Funds; purpose

One percent on the sales of spirituous and vinous liquor and 10 per gallon on beer is appropriated to be used by the Department of Health and Welfare for the purposes of this chapter.

Said funds shall be deposited with the Treasurer of State to be disbursed in the same manner as are other funds appropriated for the use of the department.