

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 887

House of Representatives, March 2, 1967

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Carswell of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Making Mandatory the Reporting of Blindness to the Department of
Health and Welfare.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 3503, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3503, to read as follows:

§ 3503. Mandatory report of blindness

Whenever, upon examination at a clinic, hospital or other institution, or elsewhere, by a physician or optometrist the visual acuity of any person is found to be with correction 20/200 or less in the better eye or the peripheral field of his vision to have contracted to the 20 degree radius or less regardless of visual acuity, the physician, optometrist, institutional superintendent or other person conducting the examination shall within 30 days report to the Commissioner of Health and Welfare the result of the examination and that blindness of the person examined has been established. Such report shall not be made if the person examined so requests. The department shall inform and advise such persons as to services for the blind provided by the department.