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## ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

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H. P. 430 House of Representatives, February 4, 1969 Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hichens of Eliot.

## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Discharge of Patients at Pineland Hospital and Training Center.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 2156, amended. The first paragraph of section 2156 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

If any patient received under section 2152, subsection 1, 2 or 3 is determined by the medical staff of Pineland Hospital and Training Center, after a thorough clinical review and a consideration of all possible alternatives to continued residence or care, to have benefited maximally from residence in that institution, he shall be discharged. Notice of impending discharge shall be given to the person or agency initiating the original application within a reasonable length of time preceding the actual discharge.