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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 686

House of Representatives, February 19, 1969

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Tuberculosis Sanatoriums.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 3001, amended. Section 3001 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

§ 3001. Establishment and maintenance

The State shall maintain by building, lease or by purchase one or more sanatoriums in such district of the State as shall seem best to serve the needs of the people for the care and treatment of persons affected with tuberculosis; if, however, at any time the number of persons requiring such care and treatment in such sanatoriums decreases to a level which, in the judgment of the Commissioner of Health and Welfare, makes continued operation and maintenance of a sanatorium impracticable, then the commissioner, with the advice and consent of the Governor and Council, may close any or all such sanatoriums. In the event that all such sanatoriums are closed as provided, any funds from such sanatorium accounts and appropriations may, with the advice and consent of the Governor and Council, be made available to the Commissioner of Health and Welfare for the purpose of providing alternative treatment and care for those patients needing same. Where lease or purchase is made, the State shall have the right to enlarge or otherwise adapt the property to meet the needs of the situation. Such additions or improvements shall be considered permanent. At the expiration of the original lease of any property for use as a tuberculosis sanatorium, the State shall have the right of renewal or of purchase.