

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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### **AN ACT Closing the Military and Naval Children's Home and Disposing of the Property.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 34, § 1, amended.** The first sentence of section 1 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 4 of chapter 391 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

The Department of Mental Health and Corrections, as heretofore established, hereinafter in this Title called the "department," shall have general supervision, management and control of the research and planning, grounds, buildings and property, officers and employees, and patients and inmates of all of the following state institutions: The hospitals for the mentally ill, Pineland Hospital and Training Center, the State Prison, the Men's Correctional Center and the Women's Correctional Center, the juvenile institutions, the Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf ~~the Military and Naval Children's Home~~ and such other charitable and correctional state institutions as may be created from time to time.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 34, § 2517, repealed.** Section 2517 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 34, §§ 2951 - 2952, repealed.** Sections 2951 and 2952 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes are repealed.

**Sec. 4. Authority to dispose of property.** The Bureau of Public Improvements is authorized to cause the real property of the Military and Naval Children's Home to be sold for an amount approximately as nearly as possible its appraised market value, and is authorized to sell, or otherwise dispose

of, in accordance with law, the personal property of the Military and Naval Children's Home. The proceeds of any sale, less cost of sale, shall be credited to the General Fund of the State.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Military and Naval Children's Home is located in Bath, where it previously functioned as a private nonprofit corporation. It usually cares for approximately 30 youngsters. It is primarily used as a regional center for children needing a home, and only approximately one-half of these are children without both parents. The average cost per child is over \$3,000 per year and when the census falls, it costs approximately \$5,000 per year.

The facility is an old wooden structure. It presents a serious fire hazard and is not suitable for the type of program which it houses. The program itself is a costly one when compared to Child Welfare foster placement.

It is planned to phase out the institution during the school vacation of the summer of 1969 and place the children through the Child Welfare foster placement program.