

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Providing for Clinical Treatment and Rehabilitation of Alcoholics.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, §§ 1356 to 1358, additional.** Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 3 new sections, 1356, 1357 and 1358, 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 after appropriate consultation with the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, the Department of Education and other pertinent departments.

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 or rehabilitation of the alcoholics;

2. Outpatient clinics. Set up and operate outpatient 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 their 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.

§ 1358. Authority to accept gifts

The commissioner is authorized to accept, receive and administer and expend any gifts or grants of any description for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1356.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$75,000, to be added to sums already allocated for alcoholic services, to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1970-71	1971-72
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Alcoholism Services		
All Other	\$25,000	\$50,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

This legislation provides for a program for the prevention, treatment, care and rehabilitation of alcoholics.