

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Trespass on Certain State Institutions.

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

R. S., T. 17, § 3851, amended. Section 3851 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 25 of chapter 504 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 3851. Lands appurtenant to state institutions

Whoever willfully trespasses upon lands which belong to the State and are appurtenant to the Pineland Hospital and Training Center, **Augusta State Hospital, Bangor State Hospital, Military and Naval Childrens Home, Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf, Men's Correctional Center, Women's Correctional Center, Stevens School, Boys Training Center** or the Maine State Prison, or whoever shall unlawfully interfere with the inmates of any of said institutions, or, whoever willfully trespasses upon land or buildings of the University of Maine, after notice from an officer of any of said institutions or the University of Maine to leave said lands or buildings, remains thereon, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Certain of the State institutions under the control of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections are not covered under the trespass provision of Title 17, section 3851. Within the past year at two of such institutions, the

Augusta State Hospital and the Bangor State Hospital personnel have had difficulty with intruders and undesirable persons coming upon the property and into the buildings at such institutions. In the interest of the safety of patients and staff the inclusion of all of the institutions under the control of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, within the coverage of the trespass statute, is considered necessary.