

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 469

In Senate, March 17, 1971

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Carswell of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Provide Additional Positions under the
Department of Mental Health and Corrections.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 34, § 2002, amended. Section 2002 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following:

The Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections shall, with the advice and consent of the Advisory Committee on Mental Health and the Maine State Nurses Association, establish, qualify and appoint for a term of 4 years and set salaries accordingly for the following positions:

1. Director of Nursing. The Director of Nursing shall hold a masters degree in nursing administration and shall be directly responsible to the commissioner for administration of all nursing services at the Augusta State Hospital, Bangor State Hospital and Pineland Hospital and Training Center.

2. Director of Education and Training. The Director of Education and Training shall hold a masters degree in education and shall be directly responsible to the commissioner for implementation and supervision of all educational programs and maintenance of educational standards in each institution within the mental health system.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 34, § 2101, amended. Section 2101 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following:

The Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections shall, with the advice and consent of the Advisory Committee on Mental Health establish, qualify and appoint for a term of 4 years and set salaries accordingly for the following positions at Augusta State Hospital:

1. **Medical Director.** The Medical Director shall be a certified psychiatrist who shall set standards for medical and psychiatric treatment, assign patients to physicians and evaluate the performance of such physicians.

2. **Hospital Administrator.** The Hospital Administrator shall hold a masters degree in hospital administration and shall be authorized with full responsibility for all nonclinical departments.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Recommendations in the Baumgarten Report indicate that the above positions are necessary in the best interests of hospital patients.