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Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT Relating to Release of Patients at Pineland Hospital and
Training Center.**

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

R. S., T. 34, § 2154, amended. The first sentence of section 2154 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The Superintendent of the Pineland Hospital and Training Center may at his discretion, except in instances of placement in the Pineland Hospital and Training Center under Title 15, section 101 or 103, release any patient for a definite or indefinite length of time to any responsible person under such conditions as the superintendent may specify, **providing parents or guardians of such patients, admitted prior to laws enacted in 1965, are agreeable to such release, or parents or guardians of such patients have been notified of such possible release upon original admission of such patient to Pineland Hospital and Training Center,** which release may at any time be revoked or extended.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Due to extended confusion among parents and guardians regarding release of patients to nursing and boarding homes this amendment to section Title 34, section 2154 has been petitioned for by approximately 2,000 concerned citizens of the State.