

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1459

H. P. 1121

House of Representatives, March 12, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Whitzell of Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Repeal the Law Providing for Town Workhouses and Houses of Correction.

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

R. S., T. 34, c. 71, repealed. Chapter 71 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would repeal the law which permits towns to establish workhouses for idle persons, paupers and people who are likely to become paupers.

This bill would also repeal the law which permits towns to establish houses of correction and the punishment of persons committed thereto by imposing shackles and fetters and by starvation.

These laws have become obsolete and their continued presence in the statutes is an insult to the people of Maine.