

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 81

In Senate, January 22, 1975

Taken from the table by President and referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Require the Owners of Foster Homes and of Nursing Institutions to Account for Funds Belonging to Persons Entrusted to their Care.

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

22 MSRA, § 1824 is enacted to read:

§ 1824. Owners of foster homes and nursing institutions required to account for funds of persons entrusted to their care

1. Quarterly report required. The owner of any foster home or of any institution for the nursing care of human beings, including sanatoriums, convalescent homes, rest homes, boarding homes and nursing homes, shall account every 3 months to the Commissioner of Health and Welfare for the custody of any funds handled or held by that owner or his agent which belong to any person entrusted to the care of that home or institution. The term "owner," as used in this section, includes individuals, partnerships and corporations.

2. Purpose of accounting. The commissioner shall oversee these accountings in order to prevent misuse and misappropriation by the owners of foster homes or nursing institutions or by their agents of any of the funds of any person entrusted to the care of these homes or institutions.

3. Form of accounting. The Commissioner of Health and Welfare shall, in order to further the purposes of the accounting as set forth in subsection 2, determine and promulgate the rules and regulations specifying the method of accounting and the information required for that accounting.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to require the owners of foster homes and of nursing institutions to account for funds belonging to persons entrusted to their care.