

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 28.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE.

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AN ACT amendatory of chapter one hundred and forty-three of the revised statutes, relating to the insane hospital.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section seven of chapter one hundred  
2 and forty-three of the revised statutes, is hereby  
3 amended by striking out the words, “ December re-  
4 port to the governor and council ” in the seventh line,  
5 and inserting, ‘ November report to the trustees, ’ so  
6 that said section as amended shall read as follows :

7 *Sect. 7.* The superintendent shall be a physician ;  
8 reside constantly at the hospital ; have the general  
9 superintendence of the hospital and grounds ; receive  
10 all patients legally sent to the hospital, unless the

11 number exceeds its accommodations, and have charge  
12 of them, and the direction of all persons therein, sub-  
13 ject to the regulations of the board of trustees; and  
14 annually, on the first day of November, report to the  
15 trustees the condition and prospects of the institution,  
16 with such remarks and suggestions relative to its man-  
17 agement and the general subject of insanity, as he  
18 thinks will promote the cause of science and human-  
19 ity.

SECT. 2. Section thirteen of said chapter is hereby  
2 amended by striking out in the second and third lines,  
3 the word "superintendent," and inserting the word  
4 'trustees,' and in the fourth line the words "superin-  
5 tendent is" and inserting the words 'trustees are,' so  
6 that said section as amended shall read as follows:

7 *Sect. 13.* The officers ordering the commitment of  
8 a person unable to pay for his support, may certify in  
9 writing to the trustees that fact, and that he has not  
10 relations liable and of sufficient ability to pay for it;  
11 and if the trustees are satisfied that such certificate is  
12 true, the treasurer of the hospital may charge to the  
13 state one dollar and fifty cents per week for his board,  
14 and deduct it from the charge made to the patient or  
15 town for his support.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 11, 1873.

Reported from the Committee on Insane Hospital, by Mr. O'BRION of York, and laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*