

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 37

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT to amend section 24 of chapter 144 of the Revised
Statutes relating to Insane Persons.

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

Section I. Section twenty-four of chapter one hundred and
2 forty-four of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word "therefor" in the eighth line of said
4 section the following words:

'And the reasonable expenses incurred by said town relative
6 to such insane person, shall be included in the amount to be
7 so refunded by the State,' so that said section as amended
8 shall read as follows:

‘Section 24. Any town thus made chargeable in the first
10 instance, and paying for the commitment and support of the
11 insane at a hospital, may recover the amount paid, from the
12 insane, if able, or from persons legally liable for his support,
13 or from the town where his legal settlement is, as if incurred
14 for the expense of a pauper, but if he has no legal settlement
15 in the State, such expenses shall be refunded by the State,
16 and the governor and council shall audit all such claims, and
17 draw their warrant on the treasurer therefor. And the rea-
18 sonable expenses and services of the municipal officers of said
19 town relative to such insane person, shall be included in the
20 amount to be so refunded by the State. No insane person
21 shall suffer any of the disabilities of pauperism nor be deemed
22 a pauper, by reason of such support. But the time during
23 which the insane person is so supported shall not be included
24 in the period of residence necessary to change his settlement.’

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, February 1, 1905.

Reported by Mr. MERRILL, from Committee on Judiciary and ordered
printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*