

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 19

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to provide for the treatment of persons suffering from  
the effects of the habitual use of narcotics.

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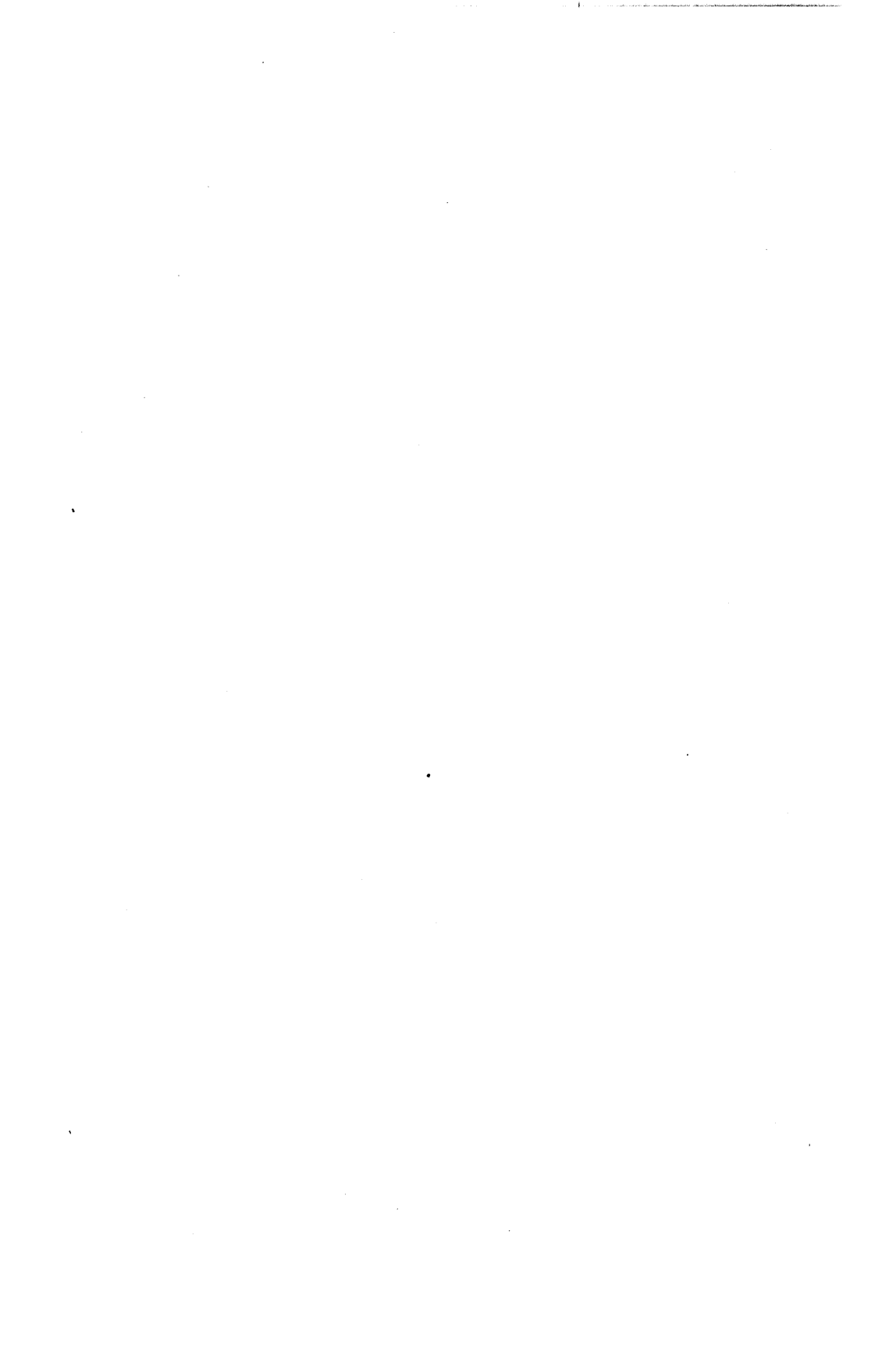
*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Section 1. A person alleged to be suffering from the effects  
2 of the use of an opiate, cocaine, chloral hydrate, or other  
3 narcotic may be committed to the care of any general hospital  
4 receiving aid from the State, or any legally qualified physi-  
5 cian of not less than five years' actual practice, for treatment ;  
6 and the medical authorities of said hospital or said physician  
7 to whom said patient is committed shall have the power and  
8 authority to restrain said patient, so committed, in such man-

ner as may be necessary for his protection for a period not  
10 exceeding ninety days.

Sect. 2. Before any restraint shall be imposed under the  
2 authority of this act, a voluntary agreement shall be made in  
3 writing by the person suffering from the effects of any drug  
4 mentioned in section 1 of this act, to the imposition of  
5 restraint upon his actions, if necessary, and such agreement  
6 must be witnessed by the husband, wife, or parent of the  
7 person aforesaid, or one of the municipal officers of the city  
8 or town in which the person, suffering as described in this  
9 act, is a resident, and approved, after reasonable notice, by  
10 a justice of the supreme judicial court or a judge of the  
11 superior court or probate court in the county where the  
12 patient resides.

Sect. 3. Any justice of the supreme judicial court or a  
2 judge of the superior court or probate court in the county  
3 where the patient resides, may, at his discretion, require the  
4 president or secretary of the State board of health, or one of  
5 the county examiners of insane criminals, to investigate as  
6 to the progress of any such case; and, upon his certificate  
7 that further restraint is unnecessary, may annul the agree-  
8 ment, and the person restrained shall be immediately released  
9 upon the order of said justice.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, January 26, 1905.

Reported by Mr. POTTER, from Committee on the Judiciary and laid  
on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.