

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 51

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter 144, section 22 of Revised Statutes
regarding support in Insane Hospitals.

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

Strike out the word "and" in the fourth line and insert the
2 words 'but his,' and after word "hospital" add 'shall be
3 chargeable to the state.' In the fifth line strike out the word
4 "but," and insert the word 'except.' In the sixth line strike
5 out the words "such town" and insert the words 'the state'
6 so that the section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 22. The certificate of commitment to the hospital
8 after a legal examination is sufficient evidence in the first
9 instance to charge the town where the insane resided or was
10 found at the time of his arrest for the expenses of his exam-
11 ination and commitment; but his support in the hospital

12 shall be chargeable to the state, except when his friends or
13 others file a bond with the treasurer of the hospital in which
14 he is confined the state shall not be liable for his support,
15 unless new action is had by reason of the inability of the
16 patient or his friends longer to support him and such action
17 may be had in the same manner and before the same tribunal
18 as if he had never been admitted to the hospital.'

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, January 25, 1907.

Tabled pending reference to a committee, by Mr. DAVIES of
Yarmouth, and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*.