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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 517

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT amending Section 24 of Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Insane Hospitals.

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

Section 1. Section 24, Chapter 144, of the Revised Stat-2 utes, is hereby amended by adding after the word "therefor" 3 in the eighth line, the words 'all bills for expenses so in-4 curred and chargeable to the state, shall be filed with the 5 governor and council within three months after the same 6 are contracted, and no such bills shall be allowed unless they 7 are filed with the governor and council within sixty days 8 after the thirty-first day of December of the year in which 9 they are incurred,' so that said section as amended shall read 10 as follows:

'Sect. 24. Any town thus made chargeable in the first 12 instance, and paying for the commitment and support of the 13 insane at a hospital, may recover the amount paid, from the 14 insane, if able, or from persons legally liable for his support, 15 or from the town where his legal settlement is, as if incurred 16 for the expense of a pauper, but if he has no legal settle-17 ment in the state, such expenses shall be refunded by the 18 state, and the governor and council shall audit all such 19 claims and draw their warrant on the treasurer therefor. 20 All bills for expenses so incurred and chargeable to the state, 21 shall be filed with the governor and council within three 22 months after the same are contracted, and no such bills 23 shall be allowed unless they are filed with the governor and 24 council within sixty days after the thirty-first day of Decem-25 ber of the year in which they are incurred. No insane per-26 son shall suffer any of the disabilities of pauperism nor be 27 deemed a pauper, by reason of such support. But the time 28 during which the insane person is so supported shall not be 29 included in the period of residence necessary to change his 30 settlement. (a)'

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

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STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives,
Augusta, March 13, 1907.

Reported by Mr. HADLOCK from Committee on Legal Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk.