

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 543

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section 14 of chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to earnings of prisoners, committed to Houses of Correction.

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

Section 1. Section fourteen of chapter one hundred forty-two of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding to said section the following words: 'If such account shows the earnings of such prisoner to exceed the expenses incurred for commitment and maintenance of said prisoner, such excess may be paid by the overseers of the poor to, or for the benefit of, dependent families or kindred of said prisoners,' so that said section shall read as follows:

“The master shall keep an exact account of the earnings of
10 each prisoner, and of the expense incurred for commitment
11 and maintenance, specifying the time of his commitment and
12 liberation, and present it, on oath, to the overseers of the
13 poor of the town where such house is established annually
14 and oftener if directed, and the town may recover the amount
15 of such expenses after deducting the earnings of the prison-
16 er, from the town where such prisoner has his legal settle-
17 ment. If such account shows the earnings of such prisoner
18 to exceed the expenses incurred for commitment and main-
19 tenance of said prisoner, such excess may be paid by the
20 overseers of the poor to, or for the benefit of, dependent
21 families or kindred of said prisoners.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 13, 1907.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*