

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 42

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter one hundred and forty-four of the
Revised Statutes relating to the Insane Hospitals.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. The Superintendent of any public institution,
2 to which an insane person may be committed, may in his dis-
3 cretion receive and detain therein as a boarder and patient
4 any citizen of this State who is desirous of submitting him-
5 self to treatment for mental disturbance or drug inebriety,
6 and who makes written application therefor, accompanied
7 with a bond to the Treasurer with a sufficient surety or sure-
8 ties in such sum as may be required by the Superintendent of
9 such institution conditioned for the payment of the board,
10 lodging, clothing, treatment, medical attendance and supplies

11 furnished the applicant, and whose mental condition is such
12 as to render him competent to make such application.

Such boarder or patient shall not be detained for more than
14 five days after having given notice in writing of his intention
15 or desire to leave such hospital.

Sect. 2. The Superintendent of any public institution used
2 wholly or in part for the care of the insane, may permit any
3 inmate thereof temporarily to leave such institution in charge
4 of his guardian, relatives, friends, or by himself for a period
5 not exceeding six months, and may receive him when re-
6 turned by any such guardian, relatives, friends, or upon his
7 own application within such period, without any further order
8 of commitment, and the liability of the State, the town, or
9 obligator by bond given for the care, support and treatment
10 of such insane person as originally committed, shall remain
11 in full force and unimpaired upon the return of such person
12 as if he had remained continuously in such hospital.

Sect. 3. Section sixteen of chapter one hundred and forty-
2 four is hereby amended by adding thereto, 'Provided, how-
3 ever, that in the case of any person whose condition is certi-
4 fied to be one of violent and dangerous insanity and emerg-
5 ency by two reputable physicians by certificates made and
6 signed and testimony before said municipal officers and on
7 complaint as aforesaid, said municipal officers may act im-
8 mediately and without notice to the person so certified to be
9 insane and temporarily commit such person to either of said
10 hospitals for not more than ten days, within such period, and

11 after notice as aforesaid, a full hearing before such municipal
12 officers shall be had as herein before provided and at such
13 hearing the person alleged to be insane shall be fully com-
14 mitted or discharged.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, January 29, 1909.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. WELD of
Old Town and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*