

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 289

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend Section 4, Chapter 144 of the Revised
Statutes relating to Insane Hospitals.

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

Section 1. That Section 4 of Chapter 144 of the Revised
2 Statutes be and hereby is amended by inserting after the
3 word "patient" in the eighth line thereof the words "includ-
4 ing patients committed while under sentence in the State
5 prison or either of the county jails," and by inserting after
6 the sentence in said section ending with the word "confine-
7 ment" the following, "and they may transfer to the care and
8 custody of his relatives and friends applying therefor, on
9 condition to be fixed by the superintendent and trustees any
10 such patient not held under sentence whom they are satisfied

11 will be properly cared for by the person making such appli-
12 cation ;” so that said section as amended shall read as fol-
13 lows :

‘Section 4. There shall be a thorough examination of each
15 hospital monthly by two of the trustees ; quarterly by three ;
16 and annually by a majority of the full board ; and at any
17 other time when they deem it necessary, or the superintendent
18 requests it. At each visit a written account of the state of
19 the institution visited shall be drawn up by the visitors, re-
20 corded and presented at the annual meeting of the trustees ;
21 at which meeting they, with the superintendent, shall make
22 a particular examination into the condition of each patient,
23 including patients committed while under sentence in the
24 State prison or either of the county jails, and discharge any
25 one so far restored that his comfort and safety, and that
26 of the public, no longer require his confinement ; and they
27 may transfer to the care and custody of his relatives and
28 friends applying therefor, on conditions to be fixed by the
29 superintendent and trustees, any such patient not held under
30 sentence whom they are satisfied will be properly cared for
31 by the person making such application. Their accounts
32 shall be audited by the governor and council, who shall draw
33 their warrant on the treasurer of the State for the amount
34 due them and the other officers of the institution, except at-
35 tendants on the patients and laborers on the premises, and
36 for all money appropriated by the legislature for the insane
37 hospitals.



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 24, 1909.

Reported by Mr. GILBERT from Committee on Insane Hospitals and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*