

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 362

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT additional to chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes, providing for the recovery of money improperly paid by the State for the support of insane paupers.

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

Section 1. The trustees of the hospitals for the insane
2 may, in their discretion, investigate, or cause to be investi-
3 gated, the allegations contained in any certificate provided
4 for in section eighteen of chapter one hundred forty-four of
5 the Revised Statutes, and should such investigation disclose
6 the fact that any person or municipality was, or may be, law-
7 fully liable for the support of the insane person mentioned
8 in any such certificate, then it shall be the duty of said trus-
9 tees to collect, by action in the name of the State, if neces-

10 sary, all sums which have been paid by the State to the hos-
11 pital for board of such insane person, from the person or
12 municipality lawfully liable as aforesaid to pay for the sup-
13 port of such insane person, and thereafter the State shall not
14 be required to pay to said hospital the sum mentioned in said
15 section eighteen so long as the liability of any person or
16 municipality to support such insane person may lawfully ex-
17 ist. All moneys collected under the provisions of this act
18 shall be forthwith turned over to the State treasurer, who
19 shall receipt for the same; and the expenses of the collection
20 of said moneys shall be charged against and paid out of any
21 sums so collected and turned over, and all bills for such ex-
22 penses shall be audited by the State auditor and paid out of
23 the State treasury upon the certificate of the State auditor is-
24 sued therefor and provided by law.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

March 6, 1909.

Reported by Mr. HASTINGS from Committee on Judiciary
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.