

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 333

In Senate, Feb. 18, 1913.

Presented by Senator Packard of Knox, and on motion by same Senator laid on the table for printing pending reference to a committee.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for the care and treatment of tubercular
patients.

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

Section 1. The state shall establish and maintain a sanatorium for the care and treatment of persons affected with tuberculosis, which shall be known as the Maine Sanatorium for Tubercular Patients.

Sect. 2. The government of said institution shall be vested in the "Hospital Trustees" established by chapter one hundred and ninety-seven of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and eleven and the third section of said chapter is here-

5 by amended by adding the words 'and the Maine Sanato-
6 rium for Tubercular Patients' at the end of said section.

The said trustees shall have the general management and
8 supervision of said sanatorium and one or more of said
9 trustees shall visit said sanatorium as often as once each
10 month, and said board of trustees shall annually on or before
11 the first day of October of each year furnish a report to
12 the governor and council containing a history of the sana-
13 torium for the year and a complete statement of all accounts,
14 with all the funds, general and special, appropriated or be-
15 longing to said sanatorium with a detailed statement of dis-
16 bursements.

Said trustees shall have the same powers and shall be re-
18 quired to perform the same duties in the management and
19 control of said sanatorium which are vested in and required
20 of the trustees of the various state hospitals.

Sect. 3. All persons in this state who are proper subjects
2 for this sanatorium, who are unable to pay the fixed charges
3 of said institution, upon recommendation of the municipal
4 officers of the city or town of which the patient is a resident
5 may be admitted to said sanatorium free of charge. All
6 other persons who are proper subjects for said sanatorium
7 shall pay four dollars and a half per week which shall be
8 paid monthly.

Sect. 4. The trustees may appoint the physicians, assist-
2 ants and employees necessary for the proper administration
3 of the affairs of said institution, and may incur all expenses

4 necessary for the maintenance of the same. They may also
5 establish out patients departments, and may disseminate in-
6 formation as to the best methods of combating the disease.

Sect. 5. The said board of "Hospital Trustees" shall select
2 and purchase a suitable site for said sanatorium and shall
3 proceed as soon as practicable to erect thereon and properly
4 furnish and equip suitable buildings and structures to accom-
5 plish the objects set forth in this act.

Sect. 6. Said trustees shall have power to make all neces-
2 sary rules and regulations as to admission to said institution
3 and for the government and control of said institution and
4 its inmates.

For all bills contracted by the "Board of Hospital Trustees"
6 as aforesaid and purchasing a site, the governor shall draw
7 his warrant upon any money in the treasury to pay the same
8 not otherwise appropriated, and all bills contracted by the
9 trustees in erecting, repairing and equipping suitable build-
10 ings and operating the institution shall each year be audited
11 by the governor and council, and the governor shall draw
12 his warrant upon any money in the treasury to pay the same
13 not otherwise appropriated.

Sect. 7. The sum of money not exceeding one hundred
2 thousand dollars shall be appropriated under this act to be
3 used and expended for the purposes therein named within
4 the next two years.