

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 6

House of Representatives, Jan. 21, 1915.

Ordered, that five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Committee of Reference.

Presented by Mr. Perkins of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

5 hereby amended by adding the words 'and the Maine Sana-
6 torium 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 be-
11 fore the first day of October of each year furnish a report
12 to the governor and council containing a history of the san-
13 atorium for the year and a complete statement of all ac-
14 counts with all the funds, general and special, appropriated
15 or belonging to said sanatorium with detailed statement of
16 disbursements.

Said trustees shall have the powers and shall be required
18 to perform the same duties in the management and control
19 of said sanatorium which are vested in and required of the
20 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 resi-
5 dent may be admitted to said sanatorium free of charge.
6 All other persons who are proper subjects for said sana-
7 torium shall pay four dollars and a half per week which
8 shall be 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 combatting 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.