

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 101

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1915.*

*Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.*

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Tobey of Eliot.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to provide for the inspection of all public or private hospitals, reformatory homes, houses of detention, convents, asylums, sectarian seminaries, schools or institutions, by the commissioners of the county in which such institutions are situated, by the grand jury thereof, or by any person or persons appointed by a judge of a court of record, upon a petition signed by twenty persons of said county.

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

Section 1. That every private and public hospital, reformatory home, house of detention, convent, asylum, sectarian seminary, school or institution, shall be open at any and all times to the inspection of the commissioners of the county

5 in which any such institution is situated, the grand jury  
6 thereof, or to the inspection of any person or persons duly  
7 appointed by a judge of a court of record in the said county,  
8 upon a petition being presented to him requiring the same,  
9 signed by twenty citizens of said county.

Sect. 2. It shall be the duty of each and all county com-  
2 missioners to visit, unannounced, every private or public  
3 home, house of detention, convent, asylum, sectarian semi-  
4 nary, school or institution once every four months, to note  
5 the conditions and treatment and to receive the complaints  
6 of the inmates thereof.

Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of the county commission-  
2 ers to file a full and complete report of the results of the  
3 inspection of the above institutions in the court of common  
4 pleas of the county, and publish the same in two daily news-  
5 papers of general circulation, the first day of the month of  
6 January and July of each year.

Sect. 4. Any commissioner or person appointed by the  
2 court, for violating any provision of this act, shall be deemed  
3 guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be pun-  
4 ished by a fine of not less than \$100 for the first offense,  
5 and \$500 for any additional offense.

Sect. 5. Any official, agent, employe, or other person re-  
2 fusing to permit, or interfering in any manner with the in-  
3 spection of any such private or public hospital, reformatory  
4 home, house of detention, convent, asylum, sectarian semi-  
5 nary, school or institution, by the county commissioners,

6 the grand jury thereof, or any person duly appointed and  
7 authorized by a court of record in accordance with the terms  
8 of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and  
9 shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than  
10 \$500 and six months' imprisonment for the first offense, and  
11 for each additional offense not less than \$1,000 fine and im-  
12 prisonment.