

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 139

In Senate Feb. 18, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on School for Feeble Minded.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section 5 of Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 100 of the Public Laws of 1907 relating to the transfer of patients from one insane hospital to the other, and to provide for the transfer of patients from the insane hospitals to the Maine School for Feeble Minded, and for the transfer of inmates from said school to either of said hospitals.

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

Section 1. Section 5 of chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 100 of the public laws of 1907 is hereby amended by striking out the word

4 "receiving" in the twelfth line and by inserting in place
5 thereof the word 'transferring', and by striking out the
6 words, "out of the appropriation for insane state benefi-
7 ciaries" at the end of said section, so that said section, as
8 amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 5. The trustees may transfer any patients from one
10 hospital to the other, whenever, in their judgment, the wel-
11 fare of the patients or of either institution will be promoted
12 thereby. A copy of the certificate of commitment certified
13 by the superintendent of the hospital in which said patient
14 has been confined, with a certificate signed by the secretary
15 of the trustees, showing that such transfer has been voted
16 by the trustees, shall authorize the superintendent of the
17 hospital to which such patient is transferred to receive and
18 detain him in custody in the same manner as if he had
19 originally been committed to such institution. The expense
20 attending such transfer shall be paid out of the funds of
21 the hospital transferring such patient, and shall be a charge
22 upon the person liable for the board of such patient, and
23 if the board of such patient is paid by the state, the expense
24 of such transfer shall be paid by the state.

Sect. 2. The trustees are hereby authorized to transfer
2 feeble minded persons, who are now or may be hereafter
3 in said insane hospitals, to the Maine School for Feeble
4 Minded, and may transfer any inmate of the Maine School
5 for Feeble Minded to either insane hospital, whenever in
6 their judgment the welfare of the patients and inmates or

7 of either institution will be promoted thereby. A copy of
8 the certificate of commitment certified by the superintend-
9 ent of the hospital or said school in which said patient or
10 inmate has been confined, with a certificate signed by the
11 secretary of the trustees, showing that such transfer has
12 been voted by the trustees, shall authorize the superintendent
13 of the hospital or said school to which such patient or in-
14 mate is transferred to receive and detain him in custody in
15 the same manner as if he had originally been committed to
16 such institution. The expense attending such transfer shall
17 be paid out of the funds of the institution transferring such
18 patient or inmate and shall be a charge upon the person lia-
19 ble for the board of such patient or inmate, and if such
20 board is paid by the state, the expense of such transfer
21 shall be paid by the state.

Sect. 3. Chapter 203 of the public laws of 1909, relating
2 to the transfer of patients in insane hospitals, is hereby
3 repealed.