

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 94

House of Representatives, Feb. 2, 1917.

Referred to Committee on State Sanatorium and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Cole of Eliot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for the care and treatment of Tuberculous
persons in local, county, or district sanatoria.

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

Section 1. The state of Maine, by act of the people of
2 the state of Maine, hereby authorizes the building of sana-
3 toriums by or within communities of over ten thousand
4 (10,000) population; by or within counties; or districts
5 (comprising two or more counties) for the care and treat-
6 ment of persons sick with tuberculosis. It is understood
7 that the usual tests shall be applied to ascertain whether or
8 not the person seeking or receiving treatment has tuber-
9 culosis.

Sect. 2. Where such sanatoriums have been or may be erected and maintained—provided their equipment and methods of care and treatment shall be approved by the Trustees of State Sanatoria—said sanatorium or sanatoriums may draw from the state treasury a maximum of three (3) dollars per patient per week, for each patient of record and actually cared for. The total subsidy shall not exceed a sum equal to the amount necessary to care for the equivalent of one hundred (100) patients at a maximum of three (3) dollars per patient per week. Should claim be made for subsidy for more than the total of one hundred (100) patients, the total sum available per week shall be divided and paid pro rata among the one or more sanatoria having right thereto. Distinctly state sanatoria are not eligible under this act to the subsidy or any part of the subsidy herein provided for.

Sect. 3. The sum of sixteen thousand (16,000) dollars shall be provided and appropriated annually, beginning with the year 1917, for the carrying out of the provisions of this act.

Sect. 4. Between the first and fifth day of each month the superintendent (or matron) and the secretary (or treasurer) of each sanatorium eligible and asking for foregoing subsidy, shall present a sworn statement as to the number of patients cared for and the amounts these patients have paid toward their care together with the actual cost of such treatment, for the month immediately preceding, to the sec-

8 retary of state. On or before the tenth of the same month,
9 the secretary of state shall issue draft on state treasurer in
10 sum due each institution making above application—pro-
11 vided, the sum paid by the state plus the sum paid by or to
12 be received from the patients shall not exceed the actual
13 cost of care and treatment of patients of record and cared
14 for during the month for which subsidy is asked. Should
15 receipt of the maximum state subsidy make receipts of any
16 sanatorium for the month next preceding exceed the total
17 cost of care and treatment for that month, then the secre-
18 tary of state shall issue order on the state treasurer in such
19 sum only as shall make the total receipts of said sanatorium
20 not to exceed total cost for care and treatment.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect on its passage.