

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 240

In Senate, Feb. 27, 1917.

Referred to Committee on State Sanatoriums and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section 5 of Chapter 146, Revised Statutes of 1916, relative to admittance and charges for patients at state sanatoriums.

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

Section 5 of Chapter 146 of the Revised Statutes of 1916
2 shall be amended by striking out of the seventh to the
3 twelfth lines the following:

“Whenever a patient is received for treatment in any of
2 these state sanatoriums the charge for treatment shall not
3 exceed five dollars per week. If upon due inquiry into the

4 circumstances of a patient, the superintendent of a sana-
5 torium finds such patient or his relatives unable to pay for
6 his care and treatment in whole or in part, the charge for
7 such care and treatment not so paid shall be laid upon the
8 state," and by inserting in the same place the following:

'All patients in the state sanatorium shall pay to the state
2 the actual cost of such treatment including all board, sup-
3 plies and incidentals. The trustees of said sanatoriums may
4 however, after a proper investigation of the financial cir-
5 cumstances of a patient, if they find said patient or his or
6 her relatives are unable to pay said cost in part or in whole,
7 waive such cost charge in part or in whole as they deem the
8 circumstances warrant' so that said section as amended shall
9 read as follows:

'Sect. 5. Admittance of patients; charges for treatment.
2 1915, c. 351, Sec. 2. Persons having legal residence in
3 Maine shall be admitted to these sanatoriums from any part
4 of the state; provided after due examination by any reput-
5 able physician or the superintendent of the sanatorium said
6 person shall be found to be suffering from tuberculosis.
7 According to the capacity of the sanatorium, such patients
8 shall be eligible for treatment in all stages of the disease. All
9 patients in the state sanatoriums shall pay to the state the
10 actual cost of such treatment including all board, supplies
11 and incidentals. The trustees of said sanatoriums may how-
12 ever, after a proper investigation of the financial circum-
13 stances of a patient, if they find said patient or his or her

14 relatives are unable to pay said cost in part or in whole,
15 waive such cost charge in part or in whole as they deem the
16 circumstances warrant. No discrimination shall be made in
17 the accommodation, care or treatment of any patient because
18 of the fact that the patient or his relatives do or do not con-
19 tribute in whole or in part to the charge for treatment; and
20 no officer or employee of such state sanatorium shall accept
21 from any patient thereof any fee or gratuity whatever for
22 any service rendered.'