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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 400

In Senate, March 24, 1917.

Reported by Mr. Bartlett from committee on state sanatoriums and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

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 twelfth
3 lines the following: "Whenever a patient is received for
4 treatment in any of these State Sanatoriums the charge for
5 treatment shall not exceed five dollars per week. If upon
6 due inquiry into the circumstances of a patient, the super-

7 intendent of a sanatorium finds such patient or his relatives
8 unable to pay for his care and treatment in whole or in part,
9 the charge for such care and treatment not so paid shall be
10 laid upon the state," and by inserting in the same place the
11 following: 'All patients in the state sanatoriums shall pay
12 to the state the actual cost of such treatment including all
13 board, supplies and incidentals; provided that the trustees
14 of said sanatoriums may after a proper investigation of the
15 financial circumstances of the patient, either before or after
16 admission, if they find said patient or his or her relatives
17 are unable to pay said cost in whole or in part, waive such
18 cost charge or so much thereof as they deem the circum-
19 stances warrant and provided further, that said trustees in
20 granting admissions to said sanatoriums, after giving con-
21 sideration to the need of treatment by, and the menace to
22 other persons of, the prospective patient, shall not give pref-
23 erence to any person because of his ability to pay the whole
24 or any part of said cost charge,' so that said section as
25 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 5. Admittance of patients; charges for treatment.
2 1915, c. 351, sec. 2. Persons having legal residence in Maine
3 shall be admitted to these sanatoriums from any part of
4 the state; provided after due examination by any reputable
5 physician or the superintendent of the sanatorium said per-
6 son shall be found to be suffering from tuberculosis. Ac-
7 cording to the capacity of the sanatorium, such patients
8 shall be eligible for treatment in all stages of the disease.

9 All patients in the state sanatoriums shall pay to the state
10 the actual cost of such treatment including all board, sup-
11 plies and incidentals; provided that the trustees of said
12 sanatoriums may, after a proper investigation of the finan-
13 cial circumstances of the patient, either before or after ad-
14 mission, if they find said patient or his or her relatives are
15 unable to pay said cost in whole or in part, waive such cost
16 charge or so much thereof as they deem the circumstances
17 warrant and provided further, that said trustees in granting
18 admissions to said sanatoriums after giving consideration
19 to the need of treatment by and the menace to other per-
20 sons of, the prospective patient, shall not give preference
21 to any person because of his ability to pay the whole or any
22 part of said cost charge. No discrimination shall be made
23 in the accommodation, care or treatment of any patient be-
24 cause of the fact that the patient or his relatives do or do
25 not contribute in whole or in part to the charge for treat-
26 ment; and no officer or employee of such state sanatorium
27 shall accept from any patient thereof any fee or gratuity
28 whatever for any service rendered.'