

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 5

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*In Senate, Jan. 8, 1919.*

*On motion by Sen. Deering of York taken from table and on further motion by same senator referred to committee on State sanatoriums and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.*

*P. F. CRANE, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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*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 (10,-  
4 000) population; by or within counties; or districts (com-  
5 prising two or more counties) for the care and treatment of  
6 persons sick with tuberculosis. It is understood that the  
7 usual tests shall be applied to ascertain whether or not the  
8 person seeking or receiving treatment has tuberculosis.

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 secretary

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

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