

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

No. 536

House of Representatives, April 9, 1925.

On motion of Mr. Eustis of Strong 1000 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE**

**AN ACT in Relation to State Funds for Charity Patients in
Public and Private Hospitals.**

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

Section 1. That there be appropriated for the fiscal year
2 ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, the
3 sum of one hundred and five thousand dollars, and for the
4 fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and
5 twenty-seven, the sum of one hundred and five thousand
6 dollars, for the necessary care and medical and surgical
7 treatment, at a rate not to exceed one dollar and a half per
8 day per patient, in or by public or private hospitals, of cer-
9 tain classes or persons whose own resources, or the resources
10 of whose responsible relatives as defined by section eighteen
11 of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes, are insufficient

12 to pay for the same. All said moneys shall be expended
13 under the direction of the State Board of Charities and
14 Corrections, which shall be allowed a sum not to exceed five
15 per cent of the appropriation for purposes of administration.
16 Bills itemizing the expense of care, medical or surgical treat-
17 ment under the provisions of this chapter, when approved
18 by the State Board of Charities and Corrections and audited
19 by the state auditor, shall be paid semi-annually by the
20 treasurer of state.

Sect. 2. The State Board of Charities and Corrections
2 shall prescribe necessary forms for application, reports and
3 other proceedings required by this act, said Board shall
4 keep a record of all cases reported to it and action taken
5 by it in relation to the same. It shall embody a statement
6 concerning the work done hereunder in the biennial report
7 of the State Board of Charities and Corrections.

Sect. 3. No other appropriation or use of public money
2 or property shall be made or authorized for the purpose
3 of maintaining or aiding any hospital, not owned and con-
4 trolled by the State, excepting tubercular sanatoriums and
5 children's hospitals.