

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

S. P. No. 409

S. D. No. 141

In Senate, March 5, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Morrison of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relative to Support of Inmates of State Hospitals.

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

Section 1. In all cases where a person, unable to pay for
2 his support, has been committed to either of the hospitals
3 for the insane, the municipality where the person resided
4 or was found at the time of his arrest, shall pay to the
5 state towards his support the sum of six dollars per week;
6 provided however, that no municipality shall, at any time
7 be chargeable with an expense exceeding one-half of one
8 mill of the assessed valuation of such municipality. No
9 such person nor his family shall be deemed a pauper by

10 reason of any payments made under the provisions of this
11 act.

Sect. 2. Any municipality thus made chargeable with the
2 expenses of such insane person, in the first instance, may
3 recover the amount so paid from the town of his legal set-
4 tlement, as if incurred for the expense of a pauper, but
5 if he has no legal settlement in the state, such expenses
6 shall be refunded by the state and the state auditor shall
7 audit all such claims, and the governor and council shall
8 draw their warrant on the treasurer therefor.

Sect. 3. Any municipality which has so expended moneys
2 for the support of the insane as hereinbefore set forth,
3 may recover the same in an action of debt brought by it
4 against the father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, chil-
5 dren and grandchildren, by consanguinity, of such insane
6 person, living within the state and of sufficient ability in
7 proportion to their respective abilities.