

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

S. P. No. 511

S. D. No. 211

In Senate, March 11, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Public Health and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Cram of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section One Hundred Twenty-nine of Chapter Three Hundred One of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seventeen, as Amended by Chapter Sixty-one of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Twenty-three, Relating to the Care and Treatment of Certain Infectious Diseases.

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

Section one hundred twenty-nine of chapter three hundred
2 one of the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen, as
3 amended by chapter sixty-one of the public laws of nine-
4 teen hundred twenty-three, relating to the care and treat-
5 ment of certain infectious diseases, is hereby amended by

6 adding thereto: 'If the sentence or term of commitment of
7 an inmate to any such state, county or municipal charitable
8 or correctional institution expires before such disease is
9 cured, or if, in the opinion of the attending physician of
10 the institution, or of such physician as the authorities there-
11 of may consult, his discharge would be dangerous to the
12 public health, he shall be continued under such medical
13 treatment, care and custody until in the opinion of such
14 physician his discharge will not endanger the public health.
15 The expenses of his support and treatment shall be paid
16 by the place in which he has a pauper settlement, or by the
17 state if he has no pauper settlement, after notice of the
18 expiration of his sentence and of his condition to the over-
19 seers of the poor of the city or town or plantation where
20 he was residing at the time of his commitment to the insti-
21 tution,' so that said section as amended shall read as fol-
22 lows:

'Sect. 129. Any inmate of any state, county or municipal
2 charitable or correctional institution, or any dependent child
3 supported or partially supported by public funds, afflicted
4 or suspected of being afflicted with venereal disease, shall
5 forthwith be placed under medical treatment, and, if in the
6 opinion of the attending physician, it is necessary, shall be
7 isolated until danger of contagion is passed. Such case
8 shall be immediately reported to the state board of health
9 in accordance with the latter's rules and regulations, pro-
10 vided that such rules and regulations shall not require in-

11 formation disclosing the identity of any dependent or de-
12 linquent child, and the rules and regulations of the state
13 board of health for the examination, testing and treatment
14 of cases of venereal disease shall be faithfully observed.
15 If the sentence or term of commitment of an inmate to
16 any such state, county or municipal charitable or correc-
17 tional institution expires before such disease is cured, or
18 if, in the opinion of the attending physician of the insti-
19 tution, or of such physician as the authorities thereof may
20 consult, his discharge would be dangerous to the public
21 health, he shall be continued under such medical treatment,
22 care and custody until in the opinion of such physician his
23 discharge will not endanger the public health. The ex-
24 penses of his support and treatment shall be paid by the
25 place in which he has a pauper settlement, or by the state
26 if he has no pauper settlement, after notice of the expira-
27 tion of his sentence and of his condition to the overseers
28 of the poor of the city or town or plantation where he was
29 residing at the time of his commitment to the institution.”