

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 496

H. P. 975 House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Miss Martin of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Support of Persons Committed to State
Hospitals.

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

Section twenty of chapter one hundred fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: 'If the inability to pay for support exists at the time of commitment and said municipal officers fail to certify such fact, as required herein, the city or town making said commitment shall be liable for the support of said person until such certificate is furnished', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 20. Support of persons committed. R. S. c. 145, sec. 20. R. S. 1930, c. 155, sec. 20. The officers ordering the commitment of a person unable to pay for his support, or becoming unable to pay for his support after commitment, or their successors or any officer with like power to commit, shall in writing certify that fact to the trustees and that he has no relatives liable and of sufficient ability to pay for his support, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence in the first instance to charge the town where the insane resided or was found at the time of his arrest for the expenses of his support in the hospital, and the treasurer of the hospital shall charge to the state the reasonable expense of his support which shall

be paid from the state treasury upon itemized bills therefor audited by the state auditor and approved by the governor and council.

If the inability to pay for support exists at the time of the commitment and said municipal officers fail to certify such fact, as required herein, the city or town making such commitment shall be liable for the support of such person until such certificate is furnished.