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STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Duties of Superintendents of Insane Hospitals

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

Section I. Superintendents given certain discretionary powers.

Section eight of chapter one hundred and fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the third line of said section after the word "grounds," the following words: 'and in his discretion,' and by inserting in the third line of said section after the word "patients," the words 'in need of special care and treatment legally sent to the hospital when the number exceeds its accommodations,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 8. Duties and powers of the superintendent; his annual report. The superintendent of each hospital shall be a physician, reside constantly at the hospital; have general superintendence of the hospital and grounds; and in his discretion receive all patients in need of special care and treatment legally sent to the hospital, when the number exceeds its accommodations, and have charge of them, and direction of all persons therein, subject to the regulations of the board of trustees; and report to the trustees at the annual meeting the condition and prospects of the institution under his charge, 2

with such remarks and suggestions relative to its management and the general subject of insanity, as he thinks will promote the cause of science and humanity.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 155, sec. 9, repealed. Section nine of chapter one hundred fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.