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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1044

H. P. 1434 House of Representatives, March 27, 1931.

Reported by Mr. Blodgett from Committee on Claims and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

New Draft H. P. 505.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, in Favor of the City of Eastport for the care of
William Price.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, to be paid to the city of Eastport for hospital care and treatment rendered to William Price, a patient in the Calais Hospital coming within the provisions of chapter thirty-five of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, said patient having received no aid from said city prior to his admission to said hospital and the date of said admission having been prior to the effective date of said private and special act. Said payment to be made to the city of Eastport upon satisfactory evidence furnished the state auditor that an equal amount has been paid to the Calais Hospital by said city.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

William Price, Jr., is a son of William Price Sr., of Eastport, is about 28 years of age. Has been the victim of some sort of progressive paralysis accompanied by an infection that has necessitated the amputation of both legs at the hips, and rendered both his arms useless. He is therefore completely helpless, and can only be cared for in a hospital, where nursing, medical attention and special service not to be had in a private home or in any almshouse are available. He was accordingly placed in the Miner Hospital at Calais by direction of the Mayor and City Council of Eastport on August 31, 1926, and has been there since at a charge of \$2.50 per day or \$17.50 per week. He has never received pauper supplies in the usual sense of that term, and would not receive any aid from the City of Eastport if his condition was such that he could be cared for at home. However as it was impossible for his family to provide the degree of care which he requires, he was placed in the Calais Hospital, and the bills for his care were guaranteed by the municipal officers of the City of Eastport, and because of this has been considered a pauper by the Department of Public Welfare, and the City of Eastport has been refused reimbursement because of a ruling of the Department, that paupers do not come within the provisions of the act.