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Legislative Document

NO. 391

S. P. 263

In Senate, Feb. 2, 1933.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Weeks of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-
THREE

AN ACT Relating to Commitment to Hospitals by Municipal Officers.

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

P. L. 1931, c. 143, amended. The last two sentences of the section 17 of chapter 155 of the revised statutes, as amended by c. 143 of the public laws of 1931, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Emergency cases—Pending the issue of such certificate of commitment by the municipal officers such superintendent may receive into his hospital any person so alleged on complaint to be insane, provided such person be accompanied by a copy of the complaint and physicians' certificate; which certificate shall set forth that in the judgment of the physicians the condition of said person is such that immediate restraint and detention is necessary for his comfort and safety, ~~or the safety of others~~, and provided further that unless within ten days thereafter said superintendent shall be furnished with the certificate of commitment hereinbefore provided for ~~the said city or town shall be liable to the hospital for the full support of such patient until such certificate of commitment is furnished,~~ **the detention of such person shall cease.** Said municipal officers shall keep a record of their doings, and furnish a copy to any interested person requesting and paying for it.

In addition to the certificate of commitment, a statement of facts under

oath satisfactory to the department of health and welfare in regard to the financial ability of such patient, or of any of his relatives legally liable to pay for his support shall be furnished the superintendent of the hospital. The said city or town shall be liable to the hospital for the full support of such patient until such certificate of inability and statement of facts is furnished.