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Legislative Document

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S. P. 316

In Senate, Feb. 8, 1933.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator McDonald of Washington.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

I N T H E Y E A R O F O U R L O R D N I N E T E E N H U N D R E D T H I R T Y -
T H R E E

AN ACT Relating to Admittance of Insane Patients to Hospitals for
Temporary Care.

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

Insane patients may be admitted to hospitals for temporary care. The superintendent of either of the state hospitals, to which an insane person may be legally committed, may, in his discretion, when requested by a physician, a health officer, a police officer, or the department of health and welfare, receive and care for as a patient in such institution for a period not exceeding 15 days, any person who needs care and treatment because of his mental condition. Such request for admission of a patient shall be in writing and filed at the institution at the time of the reception of the patient, together with a statement in a form prescribed or approved by the department of health and welfare, together with a statement giving such information as said department may deem appropriate. Such a patient who is deemed by the superintendent not suitable for such care, shall upon the request of the superintendent be removed forthwith from the institution by the person requesting his reception, and if he is not so removed, such person shall be liable for all reasonable expenses incurred under the provisions of this section, on account of the patient, which may be recovered by the institution in an action of contract. Such superintendent shall

cause every patient to be duly committed according to law, provided he shall not sign a request to remain as a voluntary patient or to be removed therefrom before the expiration of such period of 15 days. All reasonable expenses incurred for the examination of the patient, for his transportation to the institution and for his support therein, shall be allowed, certified, and paid according to the laws providing for similar expenses in the commitment and support of the insane.