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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Appropriations for Private and Public Hospitals.

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation for public and private hospitals. There is hereby appropriated annually the sum of \$160,000, for the necessary care and medical and surgical treatment, at a rate not to exceed \$2.50 per day per patient, in addition to any necessary emergency charges that may be approved by the bureau of social welfare, or at such combined rate or rates as the burcau of social welfare may establish, in or by public or private hospitals, of certain classes of persons whose resources, or the resources of whose responsible relatives as defined by section 15 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, are insufficient to pay for same. All said moneys shall be expended under the direction of the bureau of social welfare of the department of health and welfare which shall be allowed a sum not to exceed 4% of the appropriation for purposes of administration. Bills itemizing the expense of care, medical or surgical treatment under the provisions of this chapter, when approved by the bureau of social welfare and audited by the state controller, shall be paid by the treasurer of the state.

Sec. 2. Forms, records. The bureau of social welfare shall prescribe necessary forms for application, reports and other proceedings required by this act. Said bureau shall keep a record of all cases reported to it and action taken by it in relation to the same. It shall embody a statement concerning the work done hereunder in the annual report of the director of the bureau of social welfare.