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Legislative Document

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H. P. 1589

House of Representatives, March 13, 1933.

Reported by Mr. Young from Committee on State Sanatoriums and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

New Draft of H. P. 1159, L. D. 606.

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

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-
THREE

AN ACT Relating to Payment for Treatment of Patients at State
Sanatoriums.

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

R. S., c. 156, § 5, amended. Section 5 of chapter 156 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 5. Admittance of patients; charges for treatment. Persons having legal residence in Maine may be admitted to these sanatoriums from any part of the state; provided after due examination by any reputable physician or the superintendent of the sanatorium said person shall be found to be suffering from tuberculosis. All patients in the state sanatoriums shall pay to the state the actual cost of such treatment including all board, supplies, and incidentals; provided that the department may, after a proper investigation of the financial circumstances of the patient, either before or after admission, if it finds said patient or his or her relatives are unable to pay said cost in whole or in part, waive such cost charge or so much thereof as it deems the circumstances warrant; **provided further, that if such patient or relative is unable to pay, the town or plantation of which said patient is a resident shall pay to the institution the sum of \$2 per week so long as said patient is hospitalized;** and provided further, that

said department in granting admissions to said sanatoriums after giving consideration to the need of treatment by and the menace to other persons of, the prospective patient, shall not give preference to any person because of his ability to pay the whole or any part of said cost charge. No discrimination shall be made in the accommodation, care, or treatment of any patient because of the fact that the patient or his relatives do or do not contribute in whole or in part to the charge for treatment; and no officer or employee of such state sanatorium shall accept from any patient thereof any fee or gratuity whatever for any service rendered. **All funds collected from this source shall be expended for emergency tuberculosis work within the sanatoriums or private and semi-private hospitals.'**