

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1310

House of Representatives, February 11, 1937.

Referred to Committee on Public Health. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Merrill of Stetson.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT Relating to Support of State Charges in State Institutions.

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

**P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 312, amended.** Section 312 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 312. Persons discovered affected in institutions to be treated; may be isolated; department to be notified of release.** Any inmate of any state, county, or municipal charitable or correctional institution, or any dependent child supported or partially supported by public funds, afflicted or suspected of being afflicted with venereal disease, shall forthwith be placed under medical treatment, and, if in the opinion of the attending physician, it is necessary, shall be isolated ~~until~~ **in some state institution; and all town charges so affected which are pronounced incurable shall be supported by the state in said institution. All others may be discharged when danger of contagion is passed.** Such case shall be immediately reported to the department in accordance with the latter's rules and regulations, provided that such rules and regulations shall not require information disclosing the identity of any dependent or delinquent child, and the rules and regula-

tions of the department for the examination, testing, and treatment of cases of venereal disease shall be faithfully observed.

Not more than 30 days and not less than 14 days before the estimated date of release from custody of any inmate of a state, county, or municipal charitable or correctional institution who is afflicted with venereal disease in an infectious form, the superintendent or other person in charge of such institution shall notify the department in writing of the proposed release of such individual and the department shall thereupon take necessary measures to protect others from such infection.'