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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Arzonico of Yarmouth.

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

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

**AN ACT Relating to the Discharge of Persons Committed to the Insane
Hospitals.**

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

Sec. 1. Discharge of patients from the insane hospitals. Whenever in the judgment of the superintendents of either of the hospitals for the insane any person, other than a person committed thereto as criminally insane, committed to and confined therein, should be discharged therefrom, he shall certify that fact to the overseers of the poor of the city or town from which such person was committed to said hospital; and said overseers of the poor shall forthwith remove such person or cause such person to be removed from said hospital and taken to the city or town from which such person was committed. If said overseers of the poor to whom such certification is made as aforesaid fail to remove such person from said hospital within one week after receipt of such certification, the city or town from which such person was committed to said hospital shall be liable to the state of Maine for the entire cost of maintaining such person in said hospital from the date of the certification as aforesaid until finally removed therefrom, the same to be recovered in an action of case. Overseers of the poor of such towns are hereby authorized to remove such persons from said hospitals and convey them to the town from which they were committed in the same manner as is provided for the removal of paupers to the towns

of their settlement. Upon failure of the said overseers of the poor to remove any such person continued for more than one week after receipt of a certificate as aforesaid, such person if indigent and having no place to which he or she may go, may be transferred to any institution of the state now or hereafter established for the care of persons similarly situated and the town from which he was committed to said insane hospital shall be liable as aforesaid for the care of such person in such other institution to which removed.

Sec. 2. Repealing clause. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended to conform with the provisions hereof.