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House of Representatives, February 11, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Forhan of Canton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Charges for Treatment of Tubercular Persons.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 464, amended. Section 464 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 464. Admittance of patients; charges for treatment. Residents of the state may be admitted to these sanatoriums, if found by any regular practicing physician in the state or by the superintendent of any one of the sanatoriums to be suffering from tuberculosis. All patients in said sanatoriums, or relatives liable by law for their support, shall pay to the state for treatment, including board, supplies, **surgery**, and incidentals, ~~the amount determined by the department~~ **such amount as the department may determine, but not exceeding the actual cost of such treatment;** provided that the department may, after proper investigation of the financial circumstances of the patient, or relatives liable by law for his or her support, if it finds that such patient or relatives are unable to pay the amount determined as above, in whole or in part, waive such payment or so much thereof as the circumstances appear to warrant; provided further, that if such patient or relatives are unable to pay, the city, town or plantation in which the patient has a settlement, if any, shall pay to the institution the sum of ~~\$2~~ **\$5** per week so long as the patient remains therein.

~~All funds collected from this source shall be expended for emergency~~

tuberculosis work within the sanatoriums or private and semi-private hospitals. Funds collected from this source shall be expended for treatment of tubercular patients within the sanatoriums or within private hospitals, or for investigations, examinations, surgery for tubercular patients, or other tuberculosis work, in the discretion of the department, and any portion of such funds unexpended may be credited to the general funds of the state. No pauper disabilities shall be created by reason of any aid or assistance given under the provisions of this section.'