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No. 523

S. P. 319

In Senate, February 11, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Insane Hospitals. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Sterling of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

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

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

Sec. 1. P. L., 1939, c. 227, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 227 of the public laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read 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, requires only infirmary care, he shall certify that fact to the ~~overseers of the poor~~ **municipal officers** of the city or town ~~in from~~ **in from** which such person ~~has his pauper settlement was committed~~; and said ~~overseers of the poor~~ **municipal officers** shall forthwith remove such person or cause such person to be removed from said hospital and taken to said city or town. If said ~~overseers of the poor~~ **municipal officers** to whom such certification is made as aforesaid fail to remove such person from said hospital within 1 week after receipt of such certification, the city or town ~~in from~~ **in from** which such person ~~has his pauper settlement was committed~~ shall be liable to the state of Maine for the entire cost of maintaining such person in said hospital, **at a rate determined by the commissioner of institutional service**, from the date of the certification as aforesaid

until finally removed therefrom, the same to be recovered in an action on the case. ~~Overseers of the poor of such towns are hereby authorized to remove such persons from said hospital and convey them to their town 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 1 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 of his pauper settlement shall be liable as aforesaid for the care of such person in such other institution to which removed.~~

Sec. 2. P. L., 1933, c. 1, §§ 438, 439, repealed. Sections 438 and 439 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 are hereby repealed.