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S. P. 321

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.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Commitment of the Insane.**

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

**P. L., 1939, c. 267, § 1, amended.** Section 1 of chapter 267 of the public laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. Examination of insane persons.** No person shall be declared insane or sent to any institution for the insane by municipal officers or by a judge of probate, or by any other person or persons constituting a board of examiners charged with authority to inquire into the condition of a person alleged to be insane, unless the person alleged to be insane shall first have been examined by 2 reputable physicians, each of whom shall have been a duly licensed and practicing physician in this state ~~for a period of 5 years or more,~~ who shall be appointed by said municipal officers or by the probate judge, or by any examining board before whom proceedings are held, and neither of whom or of said members shall be related to the person alleged to be insane or related to the person or persons making complaint, and such physicians shall have certified that the person examined is in fact insane.'