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House of Representatives, January 31, 1945.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bowker of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Relating to Property and Money of Intestate Inmates of State
Institutions.**

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

R. S., c. 23, amended. Chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 6-A and 6-B to read as follows :

'Sec. 6-A. Money and personal property in hands of superintendents and treasurers of state institutions. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 44 to 48, inclusive, of chapter 141, the superintendents and treasurers of all state institutions are hereby authorized to convert into money the personal property in their possession of inmates and patients of such institutions who die intestate not known to have in the state a widow, widower, heirs or kindred who can lawfully inherit such estate. This money, together with all other moneys in possession of said superintendents or treasurers left by said intestates, shall be deposited with the treasurer of state, who shall receive it. The state shall be responsible for the principal thereof, for the benefit of those who may lawfully claim it; and the governor and council, on application and proof, may order the treasurer to pay it over; and such principal is appropriated to pay such lawful claims.'

'Sec. 6-B. Balance not claimed in 20 years to be forfeited to state. If the heirs, widow, next of kin or other lawful claimant of any of the intestate inmates and patients of state institutions, referred to in the preceding section, do not demand such money within 20 years from the time of its deposit, it shall be forfeited to the state and credited to the general fund.'