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H. P. 1219

House of Representatives, February 13, 1945.

Referred to Committee on State Hospitals. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Judkins of Woodstock by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Expenses of Patients in State Hospitals.

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

R. S., c. 23, § 140, amended. Section 140 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 140. Recovery by state. The state may recover from the insane, if able, or from persons legally liable for his support, the reasonable expenses of his support in either insane hospital. All patients in either state insane hospital, or relatives liable by law for their support, shall pay to the state for treatment, including board, supplies and incidentals, the amount determined by the department; 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 from which the patient was committed shall pay to the department the sum of \$2 per week so long as the patient remains therein. Patients committed by the courts for observation shall be exempted from the above provision. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the provisions of section 141.