

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 34

S. P. 58

In Senate, January 18, 1949.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Ward of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Cost of Maintaining Patients at Hospitals for the Insane.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 23, § 139, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 139 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Any town thus made chargeable for the expenses of examination and commitment in the first instance, and paying for the examination of the insane and his commitment to a hospital, **and any town made chargeable for the cost of maintaining an infirm patient by virtue of the provisions of section 141,** may recover the amount paid, from the insane, if able, or from persons legally liable for his support, or from the town where he has a legal settlement, as if incurred for the expense of a pauper, but if he has no legal settlement in the state, such expenses **and such cost of maintenance** shall be refunded by the state.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 23, § 141, amended. Section 141 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by repealing the last sentence thereof.

Sec. 3. State to refund. In every instance where, prior to the effective date of this act, a town has been made chargeable and has paid for the cost of maintaining an infirm patient by virtue of the provisions of section

141 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes, and such town was not the town of legal settlement of such patient at the time it was thus made chargeable, such cost of maintenance shall be refunded by the state.