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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Hospital Aid.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 16-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 16-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 16-A. Responsible relatives defined; duty of hospitals. The spouse, parents and adult children of a person receiving hospital care shall, if of sufficient ability, be responsible for the hospital bill of such person. The hospital furnishing care to a person may recover the amount due for such care from a responsible relative in an action on the case.

Hospitals shall make every reasonable attempt to arrange for payment by the responsible relatives or the person hospitalized before making application for hospital aid.

Hospitals making application for hospital aid must submit to the department such information as the department deems necessary concerning the financial condition of the responsible relatives and of the person hospitalized.'