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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1441**

H. P. 1004

House of Representatives, March 28, 1957.

Reference reconsidered. Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mrs. Knapp of Yarmouth.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Permitting Voluntary Admissions and Discharges at Pownal State School.**

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

**R. S., c. 27, § 146-A, additional.** Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 146-A, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 146-A. Voluntary admission. Whenever it is made to appear, upon application to the Department by parent or guardian, that any person resident of the State is a fit subject for Pownal State School, the Department may authorize the Superintendent to accept such person as a voluntary patient for care and treatment. Such voluntary patient shall not be detained for more than 10 days after the Superintendent has been notified by parent or guardian of their intention to have the patient leave the institution. The charges for support of such patient shall be governed by regulations applicable to the support of such patients in the institution.'**