

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1856.

An act additional to an act for the support of certain insane persons at the insane hospital, approved April seventeen, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Certificate of officers ordering commitment of persons to insane hospital, who are unable to pay their expenses.

SECT. 1. Whenever any person, unable to pay his or her board and expenses, shall be committed to the Maine insane hospital, the officers ordering such commitment, may certify to the superintendent in writing, if such be the fact, that the person so ordered to be committed to the hospital, as insane, has not property or means sufficient to pay his or her board at the hospital, or relations liable by law for his or her support, of sufficient ability to pay the same; and in every such case, if the superintendent shall be satisfied that such certificate is true, the treasurer of the hospital may charge to the state, and the state shall pay one dollar per week of said patient's board while in the hospital, and deduct that sum weekly from the charge to the patient, city, town or plantation liable for his or her support.

One dollar per week, of the board of certain patients, to be paid by the state.

Apportionment of patients to the several cities and towns.

SECT. 2. The superintendent shall apportion the number of patients he may be enabled to accommodate at the hospital, to the several cities and towns in the state, according to their population appearing by the next preceding census; and whenever the applications for admission shall exceed, or in his opinion shall be liable to exceed the accommodations of the hospital, he may reject the same, or shall discriminate in his admissions in favor of the commitment from such city or town as shall not have its full proportion of patients in the hospital.

Superintendent required to report illegal commitments to trustees.

SECT. 3. If at any time it shall appear to the superintendent that any person has been committed to the hospital without due form of law, he shall report the case to the board of trustees at their next monthly meeting, and the trustees may cause the removal of such person to the city, town or plantation from which such person was committed; and such person, city, town or plantation as would have been liable for the support of such insane person so illegally committed, shall be liable for the board, expenses, and expense of removal of such person so illegally committed, in like manner as such person, city, town or plantation would have been liable if said person had been legally committed; *provided*, that the expense for removal of such person so illegally committed shall not exceed ten cents per mile travel from the hospital to the place from whence such person was committed.

Duty of trustees in such cases.

Expenses of persons illegally committed, by whom paid.

SECT. 4. Any person committed under the provisions of the first section of the one hundred seventy-third chapter of the revised statutes, shall be kept in prison, or the insane hospital, at his own expense, if he have sufficient property; otherwise at the expense of the state.

CHAP. 269.

At whose expense supported, when persons found insane by either jury, are committed to prison or the insane hospital.

[Approved April 9, 1856.]

Chapter 269.

An act additional to chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the revised statutes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. In all cases where a report of the commissioners mentioned in the act to which this act is additional, has been or hereafter shall be made, evidence shall not be offered to contradict such report, unless misconduct, partiality or unfaithfulness on the part of the commissioners or any of them, shall be shown by competent evidence.

Chap. 125, R. S., amended.

Commissioners' report.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect on its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 9, 1856.]

Chapter 270.

An act in relation to home, and agencies of foreign insurance companies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. The word foreign, whenever it is used in this act, shall be construed to apply to companies not incorporated by the legislature of this state.

Foreign, definition.

SECT. 2. Every person authorized by any foreign fire insurance companies to advertise as its agent, or to receive and forward proposals for insurance, shall be deemed the agent of such company within the meaning of this act.

Persons deemed agents of foreign fire insurance companies.

SECT. 3. Every foreign fire insurance company insuring property by their agent in this state, shall give to their agent instructions in writing, signed and sworn to by the president and secretary thereof, to accept service of all lawful processes against the company; and in such written instructions shall

Instructions in writing by president and secretary, given to agent, in relation to the service of processes in this state.