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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-fourth
Legislature

1909

Chapter 50.

An Act to amend Section four, Chapter one hundred forty-four of the Revised Statutes, relating to Insane Hospitals.

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

Section four of chapter one hundred forty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "patient" in the eighth line thereof the words 'including patients committed while under sentence in the state prison or either of the county jails,' and by inserting after the sentence in said section ending with the word "confinement" the following: 'and they may transfer to the care and custody of his relatives and friends applying therefor, on condition to be fixed by the superintendent and trustees any such patient not held under sentence whom they are satisfied will be properly cared for by the person making such application;' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 4,
chapter 144,
R. S.,
amended.

'Section 4. There shall be a thorough examination of each hospital monthly by two of the trustees; quarterly by three; and annually by a majority of the full board; and at any other time when they deem it necessary, or the superintendent requests it. At each visit a written account of the state of the institution visited shall be drawn up by the visitors, recorded and presented at the annual meeting of the trustees; at which meeting they, with the superintendent, shall make a particular examination into the condition of each patient, including patients committed while under sentence in the state prison or either of the county jails, and discharge any one so far restored that his comfort and safety, and that of the public, no longer require his confinement; and they may transfer to the care and custody of his relatives and friends applying therefor, on conditions to be fixed by the superintendent and trustees, any such patient not held under sentence whom they are satisfied will be properly cared for by the person making such application. Their accounts shall be audited by the governor and council, who shall draw their warrant on the treasurer of the state for the amount due them and the other officers of the institution, except attendants on the patients and laborers on the premises, and for all money appropriated by the legislature for the insane hospitals.'

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