

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Eighth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

1917

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prospective patient, shall not give preference to any person because of his ability to pay the whole or any part of said cost charge,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 5. Preference not to be given in reception of patients to those able to pay; charge for treatment, actual cost.** Persons having legal residence in Maine shall be admitted to these sanatoriums from any part of the state; provided after due examination by any reputable physician or the superintendent of the sanatorium said person shall be found to be suffering from tuberculosis. All patients in the state sanatoriums shall pay to the state the actual cost of such treatment including all board, supplies and incidentals; provided that the trustees of said sanatoriums may, after a proper investigation of the financial circumstances of the patient, either before or after admission, if they find said patient or his or her relatives are unable to pay said cost in whole or in part, waive such cost charge or so much thereof as they deem the circumstances warrant and provided further, that said trustees in granting admissions to said sanatoriums after giving consideration to the need of treatment by and the menace to other persons of, the prospective patient, shall not give preference to any person because of his ability to pay the whole or any part of said cost charge. No discrimination shall be made in the accommodation, care or treatment of any patient because of the fact that the patient or his relatives do or do not contribute in whole or in part to the charge for treatment; and no officer or employee of such state sanatorium shall accept from any patient thereof any fee or gratuity whatever for any service rendered.'

Approved April 7, 1917.

## Chapter 265.

An Act to Provide for the Transfer to the Reformatory for Women of Women Serving Sentences in the State Prison, Any County Jail or House of Correction.

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

**Women serving sentence in state prison, county jail or house of correction, may be transferred to reformatory for women; provisions and procedure.** Upon petition of the trustees of the reformatory for women asking for the transfer to the reformatory for women of any woman serving sentence in the state prison, in any county jail, or in any house of correction, presented to the court or trial justice having imposed sentence, the judge or magistrate shall set a time for hearing, giving at least forty-eight hours' notice to said woman, and shall notify the custodian of said woman to bring said woman before him for hearing. After hearing, said judge or said magistrate may order said woman transferred to the reformatory for women to serve the remainder of the term of sentence under which said woman was committed to the state prison, county jail or house of correction. The provisions of chapter one hundred forty-two of the revised statutes in regard to original commitments to the reformatory shall apply to any transfer under this act, but in no case shall

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the time of sentence to be served in the reformatory exceed the remaining time of the sentence originally imposed. A woman transferred under this act shall be subject to the provisions of chapter one hundred forty-two of the revised statutes relating to the reformatory and to the same rules and regulations as inmates originally committed to the reformatory.

Approved April 7, 1917.

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## Chapter 266.

An Act to Amend Sections One and Twenty-two of Chapter Sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Succession Taxes.

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

**R. S., c. 69, § 1, relating to property subject to inheritance tax, amended.** Section one of chapter sixty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "paid" in the forty-second line, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**‘Sec. 1. Exemption of personal property of non-resident decedent, when his state imposes no like tax, repealed.** All property within the jurisdiction of this state, and any interest therein whether belonging to inhabitants of this state or not, and whether tangible or intangible, which shall pass by will, by the intestate laws of this state, by allowance of a judge of probate to a widow or child, by deed, grant, sale or gift, except in cases of a bona fide purchase for full consideration in money or money's worth, and except as herein otherwise provided, made or intended to take effect in possession or enjoyment after the death of the grantor, to any person in trust or otherwise, except to or for the use of any educational, charitable, religious or benevolent institution in this state, the property of which is by law exempt from taxation, shall be subject to an inheritance tax for the use of the state as hereinafter provided. Property which shall so pass to or for the use of (Class A) the husband, wife, lineal ancestor, lineal descendant, adopted child, the adoptive parent, the wife or widow of a son or the husband of a daughter of a decedent shall be subject to a tax upon the value of each bequest, devise or distributive share, in excess of the exemption hereinafter provided, of one per cent if such value does not exceed fifty thousand dollars, one and one-half per cent if such value exceeds fifty thousand dollars and does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars, and two per cent if such value exceeds one hundred thousand dollars; the value exempt from taxation to or for the use of a husband, wife, father, mother, child, adopted child or adoptive parent shall in such case be ten thousand dollars, and the value exempt from taxation to or for the use of any other member of (Class A) shall in each case be five hundred dollars. Property shall so pass to or for the use of (Class B) a brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece or cousin of a decedent, shall be subject to a tax upon the value of each bequest, devise or distributive share in excess of five hundred dollars, and the tax of this class shall be four per cent of its value for the use of the state if such value does not exceed fifty thousand dollars, four and one-half per