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ACTS AND RESOLVES
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Private and Special Laws

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Ninety-first Legislature

1943

Chapter 21

AN ACT Amending the Charter of the Associated Hospital Service of Maine.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 24, amended. Chapter 24 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 3-A and to read as follows:

'Sec. 3-A. Further purposes. The corporation may establish, maintain, and operate a non-profit medical service plan, whereby medical or surgical service or expense indemnity is provided to such persons or groups of persons as shall become subscribers to such plan under contracts with this corporation, either in the capacity of principal or agent of other non-profit medical service corporations, or insurance companies, of equal or better financial responsibility.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 24, § 5, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 5 of chapter 24 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'This corporation may enter into contracts for the rendering of hospital service to the subscribers only with hospitals approved by the state department of welfare of the several states. All contracts for hospital service issued by this corporation to the subscribers shall constitute direct obligations of the hospital or hospitals with which this corporation has contracted for hospital care.'

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 24, amended. Chapter 24 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 5-A and to read as follows:

'Sec. 5-A. Choice of physician; provision for medical service. The private physician-patient relationship shall be maintained under all medical service contracts and the subscriber at all times shall have free choice of a physician. The provision for medical service, or medical expense indemnity, shall be based upon definite agreements covering medical or surgical care provided through duly licensed physicians in their offices, in hospitals, and in the home, without discrimination against schools of practice of the healing arts, and for nursing service and necessary appliances, drugs, medicines, and supplies. Medical services shall not be construed to include hospital services.'

Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 24, amended. Chapter 24 of the private and

special laws of 1939 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 13-A and to read as follows:

'Sec. 13-A. Limitation of actions. No action at law or equity based upon or arising out of a physician-patient relationship shall be maintained against this corporation.'

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 22

AN ACT to Unite Two Academies in the Town of Bluehill.

Preamble. Whereas, there are in the town of Bluehill 2 incorporated academies, Bluehill Academy and the Trustees of George Stevens Academy of Bluehill; and

Whereas, the income of neither is sufficient to maintain a school of secondary standard; and

Whereas, it is desirable that the 2 academies and their endowment funds be united; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Change of name. The name of the trustees of George Stevens Academy of Bluehill, incorporated by chapter 134 of the private and special laws of 1891, is hereby changed to "Bluehill-George Stevens Academy."

Sec. 2. Authority to unite funds. The trustees of Bluehill Academy, incorporated by private and special act of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed March 8, 1803, are hereby authorized and instructed to convey to the trustees of Bluehill-George Stevens Academy all property both real and personal remaining in their hands after the payment of all debts of said Bluehill Academy, the same to be held in trust for the same purposes and under the same conditions and restrictions as other funds and property of said Bluehill-George Stevens Academy.

Sec. 3. Filing of certificate. The trustees of said Bluehill-George Stevens Academy, within 30 days after the effective date of this act, shall file in the office of the clerk of courts of Hancock county a certificate of its change of name and cause a certified copy thereof to be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

Sec. 4. Filing of certificate. When all the debts of said Bluehill Academy shall have been paid and all its remaining property shall have been conveyed to said Bluehill-George Stevens Academy, the said Bluehill Acad-