

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective May 21, 1955

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## Chapter 437

### AN ACT Transferring State Sanatoriums from Department of Institutional Service to Department of Health and Welfare.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, §§ 105-C - 105-D, additional. Chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding two new sections to be numbered 105-C and 105-D to read as follows:

#### 'State Sanatoriums.

Sec. 105-C. Establishment and maintenance of one or more sanatoriums. The State shall maintain by building, lease or by purchase one or more sanatoriums in such districts of the State as shall seem best to serve the needs of the people for the care and treatment of persons affected with tuberculosis. Where lease or purchase is made, the State shall have the right to enlarge or otherwise adapt the property to meet the needs of the situation; and such additions or improvements shall be considered permanent. At the expiration of the original lease of any property for use as a tuberculosis sanatorium, the State shall have the right of renewal or of purchase.

Sec. 105-D. Admittance of patients; charges for treatment. Residents of the State may be admitted to these sanatoriums, if found by any regular practising physician in the State or by the superintendent of any one of the sanatoriums to be suffering from tuberculosis. All patients in said sanatoriums, or relatives liable by law for their support, shall pay to the State for treatment, including board, supplies and incidentals, the amount determined by the Department; provided that the Department may, after proper investigation of the financial circumstances of the patient, or relatives liable by law for his or her support, if it finds that such patient or relatives are unable to pay the amount determined as above, in whole or in part, waive such payment or so much thereof as the circumstances appear to warrant; provided further, that if such patient or relatives are unable to pay, the city, town or plantation in which the patient has a settlement, if any, shall pay to the institution the sum of \$2 per week so long as the patient remains therein.

All funds collected from this source shall be credited to the general fund. No pauper disabilities shall be created by reason of any aid or assistance given under the provisions of this section.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons who may be committed under the provisions of section 105.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 27, §§ 157-158, repealed. Sections 157 and 158 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. **Transfer of duties.** The duties imposed upon the Department of Institutional Service under the provisions of sections 157 and 158 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes are hereby transferred and imposed upon the Department of Health and Welfare.

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 438

AN ACT Relating to Increase in Temporary Loans for County of Cumberland.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 30, amended. The first sentence of section 30 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The county commissioners of Cumberland, Washington and Kennebec counties may, without obtaining the consent of their respective counties, raise, by temporary loan to be paid within 1 year from the time when the same is contracted out of money raised during the current year by taxes, sums not exceeding ~~\$250,000~~ \$400,000, \$75,000 and \$50,000, respectively, in any year for use of their respective counties and cause notes or obligations of their respective counties with coupons for lawful interest to be issued for payment thereof as aforesaid.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 439

AN ACT Relating to Uniform Interstate Compact on Juveniles.

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

R. S., c. 149-A, additional. The revised statutes are hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter to be numbered 149-A, to read as follows:

### CHAPTER 149-A.

#### UNIFORM INTERSTATE COMPACT ON JUVENILES.

Sec. 1. **Authorization.** The Governor of this State is authorized and directed to execute a Compact on behalf of the State with any of the States of the United States legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows.

Sec. 2. **Interstate Compact on Juveniles.** The contracting states solemnly agree:

Article 1. **Findings and purposes.** That juveniles who are not under proper supervision and control, or who have absconded, escaped or run away, are likely to endanger their own health, morals and welfare, and the health, morals and welfare of others. The cooperation of the states party to this compact is there-