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Chapter 231

AN ACT Relating to Maternity Homes or Hospitals.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 1811, amended. The first sentence of section 1811 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

No person, partnership, association or corporation, nor any county or local governmental units, shall establish, conduct or maintain in the State any hospital, ~~including any maternity home or hospital~~ sanatorium, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or other institution for the hospitalization or nursing care of human beings without first obtaining a license therefor.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 22, § 1812, repealed. Section 1812 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 22, § 1813, amended. Section 1813 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 1813. Existing hospitals must obtain licenses

No person, partnership, association or corporation, nor any county or local governmental units may continue to operate an existing hospital, ~~maternity home or hospital~~ sanatorium, convalescent home, rest home or nursing home, nor open a hospital, ~~maternity home or hospital~~ sanatorium, convalescent home, rest home or nursing home unless such operation shall have been approved and regularly licensed by the State.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 22, § 1815, amended. The first sentence of section 1815 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Each application for a license to operate a hospital, ~~maternity home or hospital~~ sanatorium, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or related institution, within the meaning of this chapter, shall be accompanied by a fee of \$15.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 22, § 1817, amended. The first sentence of section 1817 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 453 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

The department is authorized to issue licenses to operate hospitals, ~~maternity homes or hospitals~~ sanatoriums, convalescent homes, rest homes, nursing homes or other related institutions, which, after inspection, are found to comply with this chapter and any reasonable regulations adopted by said department.

Sec. 6. R. S., T. 22, § 1821, amended. Section 1821 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 1821. Violations; penalties

Any person, partnership, association or corporation, including county or local governmental units, establishing, conducting, managing or operating any hospital, ~~maternity home or hospital~~ sanatorium, convalescent home, rest home,

nursing home or institution within the meaning of this chapter, without first obtaining a license therefor, or who shall violate any of the provisions of said chapter or regulations thereunder, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.

Effective October 7, 1967

Chapter 232

AN ACT Making Mandatory the Reporting of Blindness to the Department of Health and Welfare.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 3503, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3503, to read as follows:

§ 3503. Mandatory report of blindness

Whenever, upon examination at a clinic, hospital or other institution, or elsewhere, by a physician or optometrist the visual acuity of any person is found to be with correction 20/200 or less in the better eye or the peripheral field of his vision to have contracted to the 20 degree radius or less regardless of visual acuity, the physician, optometrist, institutional superintendent or other person conducting the examination shall within 30 days report to the Commissioner of Health and Welfare the result of the examination and that blindness of the person examined has been established. Such report shall not be made if the person examined so requests. The department shall inform and advise such persons as to services for the blind provided by the department.

Effective October 7, 1967

Chapter 233

AN ACT Relating to Rules and Regulations of Department of Health and Welfare Regarding Health of Employees.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 42, amended. The first sentence of section 42 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The department shall issue such rules and regulations as it shall think necessary and proper for the protection of life, health and welfare, **including protection of health of employees of industrial establishments and places of employment**, and the successful operation of the health and welfare laws.

Effective October 7, 1967