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~~any personal property~~ and no executor of his will or administrator of his estate shall be appointed, the head of the institution may pay the balance of his account to the surviving spouse ~~and if none or to his next of kin and if none~~ in accordance with Title 18, section 1001, to the funeral director having any bill outstanding for the burial of the decedent ~~and if none, or if any balance remains after payment thereof, to any~~ or other preferred creditor or creditors who may appear to be entitled thereto, and shall deliver ~~said~~ personal property in his custody to the surviving spouse ~~and if none, to his~~ or next of kin in accordance with Title 18, section 1001, who may appear to be entitled thereto. Such payment or delivery shall not be made until ~~6 months~~ 60 days have elapsed following the date of death of the patient or inmate. For any payment or delivery so made the head of the institution or his designee acting under this section shall not be held liable to the decedent's executor or administrator thereafter appointed, or to his heirs, successors or assigns.

Effective October 1, 1969

Chapter 134

AN ACT Tolling Running of Probation Period Pending Determination of Violation.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 1633, amended. Section 1633 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 45 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

Whenever a probationer is charged by the board with violation of probation under this section, the running of the probation period shall be interrupted from the date of such charge and shall remain interrupted until the probationer is returned to the court. In the event of the withdrawal of the charge by the board, or in the event that the court at the hearing on the alleged violation finds that the probationer did not violate the conditions of his probation, he shall be credited with the time lost by the interruption of the running of his probation period.

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Chapter 135

AN ACT Relating to Disclosure of Information Concerning Patients at State Hospitals and the Pineland Hospital and Training Center.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 34, § 2159, additional. Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2159, to read as follows:

§ 2159. Disclosure of information

Section 2256 shall be applicable to any person admitted or sought to be admitted to the Pineland Hospital and Training Center under this chapter.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 34, § 2256, amended. The next to the last paragraph of section 2256 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 490 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

Nothing in this section shall preclude disclosure, upon proper inquiry, of information as to his current medical condition to any members of the family of a patient or to his relatives or friends, nor the disclosure of any information concerning the patient to other hospitals, accredited social agencies or for purposes of research; nor the disclosure of biographical or medical information concerning the patient to commercial or governmental insurers, or any other corporation, association or agency from which the department may receive reimbursement for the care and treatment or support of the patient; nor the disclosure or use of any information, including recorded or transcribed diagnostic and therapeutic interviews, concerning any patient hospitalized under this chapter in connection with any educational or training program, established between a public hospital and any college, university, hospital, psychiatric or counselling clinic, or school of nursing, provided that in the disclosure or use of any such information as part of a course of instruction or training program the patient's identity shall remain undisclosed; nor shall this section affect the public-record status of the court docket, so called.

Effective October 1, 1969

Chapter 136

AN ACT Relating to Violations of Law Authorizing Work-Release from County Jails.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 1007, sub-§ 9, amended. Subsection 9 of section 1007 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 150 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

9. Violations. Any person who willfully violates the terms of his release in relation to the time for reporting to his place of employment or to any other place to which he is authorized to be released under subsection 1, paragraphs A to E or for reporting back to the county jail may be punished by imprisonment for not more than 60 days. If said prisoner does not return to the county jail within 48 hours from the time scheduled to return, he shall be guilty of escape under Title 17, section 1405.

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