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PUBLIC LAWS
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CHAPTER 188

AN ACT Concerning Residence Facilities of State Patients Released into the Community.

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

34 MRSA § 2105 is enacted to read:

§ 2105. Community residence for mentally ill or mentally retarded patients placed on indefinite convalescence status

The chief administrative officer, or a person designated by him, of any state hospital or institution shall determine, prior to the placement of any patient on indefinite convalescence status who has been hospitalized as mentally ill or mentally retarded, whether the patient placed on indefinite convalescence status will be residing in a residential facility which is at least equivalent in the quality of the living conditions to the hospital or institution from which he is to be placed on indefinite convalescence status. Such a patient shall not be placed on indefinite convalescence status from any state hospital or institution if, according to the determination of the chief administrative officer or a person designated by him, the residential facility in which the patient will be residing is not equivalent in the quality of the living conditions to the hospital or institution from which he is to be placed on indefinite convalescence status. The provisions of this section shall not apply to "patients" as described in section 2290.

For the purposes of this section, the Department of Mental Health and Corrections shall establish standards for assessing whether or not residential facilities are equivalent to the existing conditions in state hospitals or institutions.

For the purposes of this section "residential facilities" mean any boarding home, nursing home, foster home, group home or halfway house licensed by the Department of Health and Welfare or used by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections for placement of individuals.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 189

AN ACT to Provide for Continuity of Treatment by Ambulance Personnel.

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

32 MRSA § 74, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 544, § 113, is amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read:

Upon arrival at a hospital, ambulance personnel may continue, if permitted by the hospital, to render emergency treatment to such person or persons under