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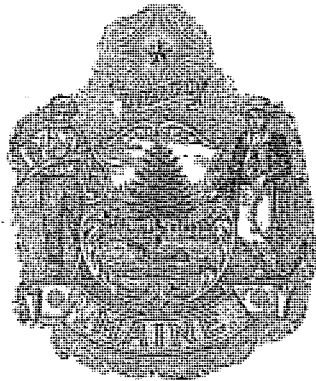
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fugitive from said school may, on order of the superintendent or hospital trustees, be arrested and returned to said school, or to any officer or agent thereof, by any sheriff, constable or police officer or other person; and may also be arrested and returned by any officer or agent of said school.

Note. Trespass on lands used for school for feeble-minded punished, c. 129, § 16.

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## CHAPTER 146.

### State Sanatoriums for Treatment of Tuberculosis.

**Sec. 1. Establishment and maintenance of one or more sanatoriums.** 1915, c. 351, § 1. The state shall establish and 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 release or of purchase.

**Sec. 2. Appointment of trustees; their tenure.** 1915, c. 351, §§ 3, 9. The government of the several sanatoriums shall be vested in a board of five trustees, inhabitants of the state, who shall be known as "Board of Trustees for Tuberculosis Sanatoriums." Upon the expiration from time to time of the terms of the trustees originally appointed, and annually thereafter, the governor with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a member of said board to hold office for the term of five years; not more than three members of any one political party shall serve on the board of trustees at the same time. Any vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled by the appointment of a person to hold office for the remainder of the term of the person whose place he fills. The governor with the advice and consent of the council, may remove any trustee for cause.

**Sec. 3. Duties of the trustees; appointment of superintendent and staff.** 1915, c. 351, §§ 3, 4, 9. The board shall have the general management and supervision of the state tuberculosis sanatoriums, and one or more of the trustees shall visit each institution under supervision at least once each month. The board shall as soon as practicable erect necessary buildings or alter any buildings on property acquired, for sanatorium use in the proper care and treatment of persons sick with tuberculosis. They may appoint the superintendents, physicians, assistants and other employees, for the proper administration of the several sanatoriums, and fix their compensation; and shall have like duties and like powers as those required of or vested in the trustees of other state hospitals. The acts of the board of trustees shall be subject to the approval of the governor and council.

**Sec. 4. Trustees may hold in trust any gift or grant of land.** 1915, c. 351, § 6. The board of trustees may accept and hold in trust for the state, any grant or devise of land, or any gift or bequest of money or other

personal property, or any donation to be applied, principal or income, or both, for the benefit of either or all said sanatoriums; and to apply the same in accordance with the terms of the gift.

**Sec. 5. Admittance of patients; charges for treatment.** 1915, c. 351, § 2. Persons having legal residence in Maine shall be admitted to these sanatoriums from any part of the state; provided after due examination by any reputable physician or the superintendent of the sanatorium said person shall be found to be suffering from tuberculosis. According to the capacity of the sanatorium, such patients shall be eligible for treatment in all stages of the disease. Whenever a patient is received for treatment in any of these state sanatoriums the charge for treatment shall not exceed five dollars per week. If upon due inquiry into the circumstances of a patient, the superintendent of a sanatorium finds such patient or his relatives unable to pay for his care and treatment in whole or in part, the charge for such care and treatment not so paid shall be laid upon the state. No discrimination shall be made in the accommodation, care or treatment of any patient because of the fact that the patient or his relatives do or do not contribute in whole or in part to the charge for treatment; and no officer or employee of such state sanatorium shall accept from any patient thereof any fee or gratuity whatever for any service rendered.

**Sec. 6. Approval and payment of expenses. Annual report of the trustees.** 1915, c. 351, §§ 5, 3. The governor and council shall, before the payment thereof, approve all bills of the board of trustees contracted in establishing and maintaining or operating the state tuberculosis sanatoriums. The board of trustees shall on or before the first day of October of each year, make a report to the governor and council, containing a history of the several sanatoriums for the year and a complete statement of all accounts, with all the funds, general and special, appropriated or belonging to said sanatoriums, including a detailed statement of disbursements.