

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 18-A: PROBATE CODE

Article :

§5-607. DUTIES AND POWERS OF A PUBLIC GUARDIAN OR CONSERVATOR

A public guardian or conservator has the same powers, rights and duties respecting his ward or the protected person as provided for guardians and conservators by the other parts of this Article except as otherwise specifically provided in this Part, including the following particular provisions: [1979 , c . 540 , §1 (NEW) .]

(1). If a public guardian places his ward in any facility described in Title 22, sections 5 and 1811, such placement shall be made only if the facility is duly licensed. In the event that the license of any such facility is suspended or revoked, the public guardian having any ward placed therein shall remove such ward and effect an appropriate placement of the ward as soon as practicable after knowledge of the suspension or revocation of the license.

[1979 , c . 540 , §1 (NEW) .]

(2). The public guardian or conservator at least annually, and at any time when ordered by the court, shall review the case of every person for whom the public guardian or conservator is acting under this Part. A report of each review shall be filed with the court. Each review shall contain an examination and evaluation of the plan for the ward or protected person and recommendations for a modification thereof, as deemed appropriate or necessary.

[1979 , c . 540 , §1 (NEW) .]

(3). The public guardian or conservator shall keep books of account or other records showing separately the principal amount received, increments thereto and disbursements therefrom for the benefit of the ward or protected person, and such other records as are appropriate for the particular situation, together with the name of the ward or protected person, the source from which the money was received and the purpose for which the money was expended.

[1979 , c . 540 , §1 (NEW) .]

(4). The public guardian, in the absence of available next of kin, may authorize the performance of an autopsy upon the body of the deceased ward. The public guardian, in the absence of available next of kin, or in the event that next of kin refuses to assume responsibility therefor, shall cause any deceased ward to be suitably buried and shall have authority to expend funds of the ward for that purpose, and in the event the ward is without funds at the time of death, the public guardian shall cause him to be suitably buried at public expense, as in the case of the burial of any other deceased indigent person.

[1979 , c . 540 , §1 (NEW) .]

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1979 , c . 540 , §1 (NEW) .

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