

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 192

House of Representatives, Feb. 19, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Williams of Auburn from Committee on Public Health and 1500 copies ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sawyer of Fort Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

AN ACT Amendatory and Additional to Chapter One Hundred
and Ninety-seven of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred
and Seventeen Relating to State Department of Health.

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

Chapter 197 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
2 seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the whole of
3 section 10 thereof and by adding to said chapter as so
4 amended the following sections, namely :

'Sect. 10. Every city, town and organized plantation shall
2 employ an official who shall be known as the "local health

3 officer" and who shall be appointed by the officers of the
4 municipality subject to the approval of the state commis-
5 sioner of health. Upon the failure to fill said office as here-
6 inbefore stated within thirty days after a vacancy occurs
7 therein the state commissioner of health may appoint said
8 official. The local health officer shall be ex-officio a member
9 and the executive officer of the local board of health, or at
10 the option of the municipal officers, may take the place of
11 the local board of health. He may be employed to devote a
12 part or all of his time to the performance of the duties of
13 his office. If employed to give his entire time and if he
14 possesses the qualifications of a district health officer as stat-
15 ed in section 6 hereof, or is approved by the state health
16 commissioner on the basis of experience in public health
17 administration, the state department of health is authorized
18 and directed to pay from money appropriated to said de-
19 partment of health for said purpose one-third of the total
20 salary of said official, not to exceed eight hundred dollars
21 a year, payment to be made directly by the state to said
22 local health officer.

"Sect. 11. Subject to the approval of the state health com-
2 missioner, several adjoining towns, cities, or organized plan-
3 tations may unite in employing the same local health offi-
4 cer who shall possess the qualifications of a district health
5 officer as stated in section 6 hereof, or is approved by the
6 state health commissioner on the basis of experience in pub-
7 lic health administration, shall devote his entire time to the

8 performance of his duties and shall receive one-third of his
9 salary, not to exceed eight hundred dollars a year, from
10 the state.

‘Sect. 12. Said local health officers shall assist in the
2 reporting, prevention and suppression of diseases and all
3 conditions dangerous to health, and shall be subject to the
4 supervision and direction of the state department of health.

‘Sect. 13. The powers vested in local boards of health by
2 authority of section 45 of chapter 19 of the revised stat-
3 utes shall be exercised under the control and direction of
4 the state department of health.

‘Sect. 14. The state department of health shall from time
2 to time make and publish such orders and regulations as
3 they shall think necessary and proper for the protection of
4 life and health and the successful operation of the health
5 laws of this state, which said orders and regulations shall
6 be published in such manner as said department of health
7 directs. In case of emergency or threatened epidemic of
8 disease which may affect more than one city, town, or plan-
9 tation, the state department of health, if it shall appear
10 to them necessary and proper for the protection of life
11 and health, may make such further orders and regulations
12 as in their opinion the public exigency may require.

‘Sect. 15. Whoever violates any provision of the preced-
2 ing sections, or any order or regulation made thereunder,
3 shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more
4 than one hundred dollars for each offense. Municipal and

5 police courts and trial justices shall have jurisdiction of
6 all offenses under this act.

'Sect. 16. The sum of sixty thousand dollars shall be
2 appropriated annually to the state department of health
3 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections
4 6, 10, 11, 12 and 13, said appropriation to be exclusive of
5 the appropriation to said department made by section 8.

'Sect. 17. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent here-
2 with are hereby repealed, but it is expressly provided that
3 all penalties now provided by law for the violation of the
4 public health laws and regulations shall continue in force.

'Sect. 18. This act shall take effect January first, nine-
2 teen hundred and twenty.'