

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 453

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Amendatory and Additional to Chapter One Hun-
dred and Ninety-seven of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hun-
dred and Seventeen, and Chapter Three Hundred and One
of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Re-
lating to the State Department of Health.

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

Section 1. Section eight of chapter one hundred and
2 ninety-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
3 seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the word
4 "thirty" in the first line thereof and inserting in place
5 thereof the word 'thirty-eight'; also by striking out the
6 words "state department of health" in the second and third

7 lines of said section and by inserting in place thereof the
8 words 'for the purposes set forth in sections one to six inclu-
9 sive and section seven of said act'; so that as amended
10 said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 8. Annual appropriation of \$38,000.00. The sum
2 of thirty-eight thousand dollars shall be annually appro-
3 priated for the purposes set forth in sections one to six
4 inclusive and section seven of said act.'

Sect. 2. Chapter one hundred and ninety-seven of the
2 public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby
3 amended by striking out the whole of section ten thereof
4 and by adding to said chapter the following sections, to
5 read as follows:

'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 mem-
9 ber and the executive officer of the local board of health,
10 or at the option of the municipal officers, may take the
11 place of the local board of health. He may be employed
12 to devote a part or all of his time to the performance of
13 the duties of his office. If employed to give his entire time
14 and if he possesses the qualifications of a district health

15 officer as stated in section six hereof, or is approved by
16 the state health commissioner on the basis of experience
17 in public health administration, the state department of
18 health is authorized and directed to pay from money ap-
19 propriated to said department of health for said purpose
20 one-third of the total salary of said official, not to exceed
21 eight hundred dollars a year, payment to be made directly
22 by the state to said local health officer.

‘Sect. 11. Subject to the approval of the state health com-
2 missioner, several adjoining towns, cities, or organized
3 plantations may unite in employing the same local health
4 officer who shall possess the qualifications of a district
5 health officer as stated in section six hereof, or is approved
6 by the state health commissioner on the basis of experi-
7 ence in public health administration, shall devote his en-
8 tire time to the performance of his duties and shall re-
9 ceive one-third of his salary, not to exceed eight hundred
10 dollars a year, from the state.

‘Sect. 12. Said local health officers shall assist in the re-
2 porting, prevention and suppression of diseases and all con-
3 ditions 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
2 by authority of section forty-five of chapter nineteen of
3 the revised statutes shall be exercised under the control
4 and direction of 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
4 of 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 all
6 offenses under this act.

'Sect. 16. The sum of thirty thousand dollars shall be ap-
2 propriated annually to the state department of health for
3 the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections six,
4 ten, eleven twelve and thirteen.

'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. Section two of this act shall take effect Janu-
2 ary first, nineteen hundred and twenty.'

Sect. 3. Chapter nineteen of the revised statutes, as
2 amended by section one hundred and thirty-one of chapter
3 three hundred and one of the public laws of nineteen hun-
4 dred and seventeen, is hereby amended by striking out all
5 of said section after the word "appropriated" in the sec-
6 ond and third lines of said section and by inserting in
7 place thereof the words 'the sum of eight thousand dollars
8 annually'; so that as amended said section shall read as
9 follows:

'Sect. 131. Appropriation. For the purpose of enabling
2 the state department of health to carry out the provisions
3 of this act there is hereby appropriated the sum of eight
4 thousand dollars annually.'