

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 59**

House of Representatives, February 8, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Public Health and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Phillips of Bar Harbor.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

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AN ACT Amending Certain Sections of Chapter One Hundred Ninety-seven of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen and Chapter One Hundred Seventy-two of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen and Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes Relating to the State Department of Health.

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

Section 1. Section seven of chapter one hundred ninety-  
2 seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen  
3 is hereby amended by striking out said section and insert-  
4 ing in place thereof the following:

‘The commissioner of health shall receive an annual sal-

2 ary of four thousand dollars; provided, however, that upon  
3 the completion of three consecutive years of service and  
4 upon recommendation to the governor by the appointive  
5 members of the public health council, said annual salary  
6 shall be six thousand dollars. In the computation of the  
7 aforesaid period of three years, the period of service of  
8 the incumbent commissioner of health when this act goes  
9 into effect shall be accounted. The appointive members  
10 of the public health council shall receive five dollars per  
11 day while in conference and their necessary travelling ex-  
12 penses while in the performance of their official duties.  
13 The compensation of directors of divisions and of the dis-  
14 trict health officers shall be fixed by the commissioner of  
15 health and shall not be less than two thousand dollars per  
16 year.'

Sect. 2. Section eight of chapter one hundred ninety-  
2 seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seven-  
3 teen as amended by the public laws of nineteen hundred  
4 and nineteen is hereby amended by striking out the word  
5 "thirty-eight" in the first line thereof and substituting  
6 therefor the word 'fifty-seven'; so that said section as  
7 amended shall read as follows:

'The sum of fifty-seven thousand dollars shall be annually  
2 appropriated for the purposes set forth in sections one to  
3 six inclusive and section seven of said act.'

Sect. 3. Section ten of chapter one hundred seventy-two  
2 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen which

3 was amendatory of chapter one hundred ninety of the pub-  
4 lic laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended  
5 by inserting in the third line thereof, following the word  
6 “municipality,” and preceding the word “subject,” the  
7 words ‘from a term of three years’; so that said section ten  
8 as amended shall read as follows:

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

Sect. 4. Section two of chapter one hundred seventy-two  
2 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen enact-  
3 ing section sixteen as an additional section to chapter one  
4 hundred ninety-seven of the public laws of nineteen hun-  
5 dred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the  
6 word "thirty" in the first line of said section sixteen and  
7 substituting therefor the word 'thirty-five'; so that said  
8 section sixteen as amended shall read as follows:

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

Sect. 5. Chapter nineteen of the revised statutes as amend-  
2 ed by chapter three hundred and one of the public laws  
3 of nineteen hundred and seventeen and as further amended  
4 by chapter one hundred seventy-two of the public laws of  
5 nineteen hundred and nineteen is further amended in sec-  
6 tion one hundred thirty-one thereof by striking out in the  
7 fourth line of said section one hundred thirty-one the word  
8 "eight" and substituting the word 'ten,' so that said section  
9 one hundred thirty-one as amended shall read as follows:

'For the purpose of enabling the state board of health  
2 to carry out the provisions of this act there is hereby ap-  
3 propriated the sum of ten thousand dollars annually.'

Sect. 6. Section forty of chapter sixteen of the revised  
2 statutes is hereby amended by adding to said section the  
3 following:

'A full time local health officer may serve as a school

2 physician and without limit as to the number of pupils  
3 he may satisfactorily examine'; so that said section as  
4 amended shall read as follows :

5 'The superintending school committee of every city and  
6 town shall appoint one or more school physicians and shall  
7 assign one to the medical inspection of not over one thou-  
8 sand pupils of the public schools within its city or town,  
9 and shall provide them with all proper facilities for the  
10 performance of their duties as hereinafter prescribed; pro-  
11 vided, however, that the said committee has been so au-  
12 thorized by vote of the town at a regular town meeting or  
at a special town meeting called for that purpose. A full  
time local health officer may serve as a school physician  
and without limit as to the number of pupils he may satis-  
factorily examine.'

Sect. 7. Section forty-eight of chapter sixteen of the re-  
vised statutes is hereby repealed.