

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 87

House of Representatives, Feb. 10, 1921.

On motion of Mr. Gardiner of Gardiner was taken from the table, and on further motion by same gentleman was referred to Committee on Judiciary and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Gardiner of Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, in Favor of The Medical School of Maine Established by Chapter Sixteen of the Private and Special Laws of Maine, Eighteen Hundred and Twenty, as Amended.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated for
2 the purpose of conducting and maintaining The Medical
3 School of Maine established under chapter sixteen of the
4 private and special laws of Maine, eighteen hundred and
5 twenty, as amended, the sum of one hundred thousand dol-
6 lars (\$100,000), the same to be paid by the treasurer of

7 state in four equal installments of twenty-five thousand dol-
8 lars (\$25,000) each on September first, nineteen hundred
9 and twenty-one, December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and
10 twenty-one, September first, nineteen hundred and twenty-
11 two, and December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and twenty-
12 two, to the trustees of The Medical School of Maine for
13 said purposes if said corporation is organized and incorpo-
14 rated in accordance with the provisions of any act or acts
15 which may be passed or enacted by the current session of
16 the legislature.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In 1820 the first legislature of Maine created a Medical School and placed it under the care and direction of the president, trustees and overseers of Bowdoin College.

For one hundred and one years this school has creditably done its work. It has graduated over twenty-one hundred physicians. Of these there are now living about eight hundred and fifty, five hundred of whom are still within the state. Two hundred and thirty-five are settled in the small towns of Maine.

For the first fifteen years after its establishment, the state made an annual appropriation for the support of the school. About 1850 the state gave a half township of land, the proceeds of the sale of which was applied to the uses of the school.

For the last fifteen years the requirements of medical education have forced the school beyond its income and Bowdoin College has met the deficit.

The president, trustees and overseers of Bowdoin College now feel that they cannot longer meet the expense of maintaining a Class A medical school. To continue such a school it is necessary to come again to the state for aid, and, in view of the fact that the president and trustees and overseers of Bowdoin College feel that they cannot longer continue the direction and management of the school, to create a corporation to assume such direction and management.

Upon the creation of the proposed corporation and the assumption by it of their responsibilities the president, trustees and overseers of Bowdoin College agree to convey and deliver to such corporation the property now used by the school, including the valuable school lot and buildings thereon located at Portland, and all their interest in the Edward Mason Dispensary there located together with all equipment in general use in connection with the school.

For the purposes of the school, if maintained as a Class A school, Mr. Hugh J. Chisholm has agreed to erect a building on the school lot at Portland that will provide for a modern medical school.