

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1271

H. P. 919

House of Representatives, March 2, 1971

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Payson of Falmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Create a Crime Laboratory.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 25, c. 194, additional. Title 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 194 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 194

CRIME LABORATORY

§ 1571. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to create a crime laboratory in connection with the anticipated receipt of matching funds from the United States Government, pursuant to the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. Any appropriation from the General Fund shall be of no force and effect in the event the United States Government does not grant matching funds pursuant to said Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

§ 1572. Creation of crime laboratory

A crime laboratory is established within the Department of State Police. The Chief of the Maine State Police is authorized to hire, subject to the Personnel Law, such personnel as he may deem necessary to carry out this chapter.

The facilities and professional staff of the crime laboratory thus established shall be made available to all law enforcement agencies within the State of Maine. All services of the crime laboratory shall be performed without cost or expense to the requesting law enforcement agency. The Chief of the Maine

State Police is authorized to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations in order to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$274,875 to the State Police to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1971-72		1972-73
STATE POLICE			
Crime Laboratory			
Personal Services	(7) \$ 37,250	(7)	\$ 39,500
All Other	17,500		13,125
Capital Expenditures	67,500		100,000
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	\$122,250		\$152,625

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to create a state crime laboratory that provides services free of charge to all law enforcement agencies within the State of Maine.