

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 119

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE providing for expenses of State Inspectors of Steam
Vessels.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars be
2 and is hereby appropriated to meet deficiency in the appropria-
3 tion for the year 1898, for duties required by law of the state
4 inspectors of steam vessels.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The pay of the state inspectors of steam vessels is a per diem for days actually employed and expenses, and the sources of revenue from which such payments are made are the state appropriations and the fees for licenses collected from masters and engineers of steam vessels and for the inspection of boats and boilers, which fees are accounted for in the annual settlement of the inspectors with the governor and council.

Four years ago a law was passed exempting all steam vessels of five tons register or under from the payment of all fees, though the law requires their inspection as formerly. This makes an annual reduction of over \$200 in fees. The number of vessels to be inspected is increasing annually. Quoting from the Report of the Commisissioners of Inland Fish and Game for the year 1898, "there are 150 steamers on the inland waters of the state used wholly or partly for the conveyance of sportsmen. Five years ago there were but eighty-seven. Fifteen new ones have been put in during the year 1898." This makes additional days of work and expenses, and as the fees in no case are sufficient to pay the cost of inspection a further net expense is the result. Two hundred dollars annually in addition to that already provided for will be absolutely necessary to fully carry out the work as required by law.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 9, 1899.

Reported by Mr. HARGRAVES from Committee on Financial Affairs,
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.