

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventieth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 92

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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RESOLVE in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated annually  
2 the sum of five thousand dollars to be paid to the treasurer  
3 of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary for the use of said  
4 institution, for the years 1901-1902.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary in its corporate capacity has established and maintained an institution in Portland for fifteen years, where not only the out-patient department has a daily clinic for the free treatment of the poor throughout the state who are suffering from diseases of the eye and ear, but also a clinic for diseases of the throat and nose and diseases which come under the term of medical cases including those of the nervous system. The only requirement necessary to obtain treatment in this department is proof from the person applying or his friends that he is poor and without means to pay for the treatment. The records show that during these years over 20,000 patients have availed themselves of the advantages afforded by the institution, and that there was an attendance of these patients amounting to over 100,000 and more than 5,000 operations have been performed upon the eye and ear for the preservation or the restoration of the sight or hearing. Whenever the conditions require it patients are taken into the institution, boarded and nursed to meet every condition. A large number have received board and nursing free amounting in round numbers to an expense to the institution of about \$30,000. The physicians and surgeons give their services to the poor without any remuneration. It will be seen that the infirmary is a public charitable institution in its broadest sense. For further particulars of the work done at the institution reference should be made to the 15th annual report.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 7, 1901.

Reported by Mr. MOULTON of South Portland, from Committee on  
Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*