

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 374

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to the Public Health.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. The State board of health is authorized to estab-
2 lish and equip with the proper and necessary apparatus,
3 instruments, and supplies, a State laboratory of hygiene, for
4 the chemical and bacteriological examination of water sup-
5 plies, milk and food-products, and the examination of cases
6 and suspected cases of diphtheria, typhoid fever, tuberculosis,
7 glanders and other infectious and contagious diseases.

Sect. 2. The State board of health shall appoint a director
2 of such laboratory who shall hold that position at the pleasure
3 of said board of health. He shall keep a record of all speci-
4 mens sent to him for examination, and examine these speci-
5 mens without unnecessary delay, and do such other work,

6 and make such other investigations relating to the public
7 health as said State board of health may from time to time
8 instruct him to do. He shall annually in the month of Jan-
9 uary make a full report to the State board of health of all
10 matters pertaining to the laboratory, and shall make such
11 other and special reports as the State board of health may ask
12 for. The kind and amount of the work he shall do and the
13 compensation therefor shall be fixed by the State board of
14 health.

Sect. 3. The services of the laboratory and all investiga-
2 tions therein made shall be free to the people of this State.

Sect. 4. The sum of two thousand dollars is hereby appro-
2 priated for the purpose of procuring the proper and necessary
3 apparatus, instruments, and other supplies for the equipment
4 of such laboratory; and the sum of three thousand dollars per
5 year is hereby appropriated to pay for the services of the
6 director, and of such assistants as may be necessary, to pro-
7 cure the necessary supplies, and to meet the other necessary
8 expenses of said laboratory, which sum shall be expended
9 under the supervision of the State board of health.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 13, 1903.

Reported by Mr. MCGREGOR of Enfield, from Committee on Public Charities and State Beneficiaries, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*