

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 162

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend chapter eighteen of the Revised Statutes  
relating to the State Board of Health.

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

Section 1. Section six of chapter eighteen of the revised  
2 statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the first line  
3 the word "five," and substituting in the place thereof the  
4 word 'six,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as  
5 follows:

'Sect. 6. The sum of six thousand dollars shall be annu-  
7 ally appropriated to pay the salary of the secretary, meet  
8 the contingent expenses of the office of the secretary, and  
9 the expenses of the board, which shall not exceed the sum  
10 appropriated. Said expenses shall be certified and paid in  
11 the same manner as the salary of the secretary.'

Sect. 2. Section eight of chapter eighteen of the revised  
2 statutes is amended by striking out the words “said diseases  
3 into the State” in the twentieth line and inserting in the  
4 place thereof the words ‘any infectious or contagious dis-  
5 eases into the State, including rabies, or hydrophobia of  
6 animals and men.’ Said section is further amended by  
7 striking out the words “which regulations shall, so far as  
8 may be deemed practicable and safe, be uniform with those  
9 which are now in effect in other North American states  
10 and provinces;” so that said section, as amended, shall read  
11 as follows:

‘Sect. 8. The more effectually to protect the public health  
13 the State board of health may establish such systems of  
14 inspection as in its judgment may be necessary to ascertain  
15 the actual or threatened presence of the infection of Asiatic  
16 cholera, smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, plague or typhus  
17 fever; and any duly authorized agent or inspector of said  
18 board may enter any building, vessel, railway car or other  
19 public vehicle, to inspect the same and to remove therefrom  
20 any person affected by said diseases; and for this purpose  
21 he may require the person in charge of any vessel or public  
22 vehicle other than a railway car to stop such vessel or  
23 vehicle at any place, and he may require the conductor of  
24 any railway train to stop his train at any station or upon  
25 any side track and there detain it for a reasonable time;  
26 *provided*, that no conductor shall be required to stop his  
27 train when telegraphic communication with the dispatcher’s

28 office cannot be obtained or at such times or under such  
29 circumstances as may endanger the safety of the train and  
30 passengers; and *provided further*, that any such agent or  
31 inspector may cause any car which he may think may be  
32 infected with any of said diseases to be sidetracked at any  
33 suitable place and there be cleansed, fumigated and disin-  
34 fected. And the said board of health may from time to  
35 time, make, alter, modify or revoke rules and regulations  
36 for guarding against the introduction of any infectious or  
37 contagious diseases into the State, including rabies, or hy-  
38 drophobia of animals and men; for the control and sup-  
39 pression thereof if within the State; for the quarantine and  
40 disinfection of persons, localities and things infected or  
41 suspected of being infected by such diseases; for the trans-  
42 portation of dead bodies when death results from any infec-  
43 tious or contagious disease; for the speedy and private in-  
44 terment of the bodies of persons who have died from said  
45 diseases; and, in emergency, for providing those sick with  
46 said diseases with necessary medical aid and with temporary  
47 hospitals for their accommodation and for the accommoda-  
48 tion of their nurses and attendants. And the said board  
49 may declare any and all of its rules and regulations made  
50 in accordance with the provisions of this section to be in  
51 force within the whole State, or within any specified part  
52 thereof, and to apply to any person or persons, family, camp,  
53 building, vessel, railway car or public vehicle of any kind.'

## STATEMENT.

The State Board of Health asks that an increase be made in the amount of its annual appropriation for the reason that it is impossible for the board to do various kinds of work which the board believes it is very desirable, for the health and life interests of the people of the State, and for the good repute and financial prosperity of Maine, to have done.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,

February 10, 1909.

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

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*