

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 454

House of Representatives, March 7, 1911.

*Reported by Mr. Bisbee from Committee on Appropriations
and Financial Affairs and ordered printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE providing for an Epidemic or Emergency Fund.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars annually
2 for two years is hereby appropriated as an epidemic or
3 emergency fund to be used, if necessary, by the state board
4 of health with the consent of the governor and council in
5 case of the invasion or threatened invasion of smallpox or
6 other dangerous epidemic disease into the state, and the
7 governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the
8 same, or such part of the same as may be needed, out of
9 any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

As a safety measure against dangers to the public health from epidemic outbreaks of infectious diseases or a threatened invasion into the state of such diseases, the Legislature of Maine has for many years provided an epidemic or emergency fund to be used only with the consent of the governor and council. For the last ten years the epidemic fund has been \$3,000 or more for each year. In 1909 only \$52.35 of the fund was used, and in 1910, \$385.88. In these coming years some unusual dangers threaten the state—the danger of the recurrence in a still more extended form of that serious disease, infantile paralysis; the frequently impending danger of the importation of smallpox from the maritime provinces; the danger in this current year of the appearance in some of our manufacturing cities of Asiatic cholera, brought by immigrants from cholera-infected countries.