

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 326

House of Representatives, Feb. 25, 1913.

Reported by Mr. Sanderson from Committee on Public Health, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section twenty-three of Chapter eighteen
of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State Laboratory of
Hygiene.

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

Section 1. Section twenty-three of chapter eighteen of
2 the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter twenty-six of
3 the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and seven, is hereby
4 further amended by striking out the words "four thousand
5 five hundred" and substituting in the place thereof the
6 words 'five thousand five hundred,' so that said section,
7 as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 23. The sum of five thousand five hundred dollars

9 a year is hereby appropriated to pay for the services of the
10 director, and of such assistants as may be necessary, to
11 procure the necessary supplies, and to meet the other nec-
12 essary expenses of said laboratory, which sum shall be ex-
13 pended under the supervision of the state board of health.'

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Additional appropriation for State Laboratory of Hygiene is needed because:

(a) The present appropriation is insufficient to replace worn out equipment and buy the new apparatus needed for increased and new work.

(b) If it were not for the co-operative work with the State Agricultural Department, which provides an additional man, the Laboratory could not have done the work sent to it by the physicians during the past two years.

(c) The present appropriation does not permit of the employment of additional help during the rush months of the summer.

(d) It does not permit of the employment of a clerk to attend to the records and filing work during the rush months; which necessitates the employment of the laboratory staff on this work at a greater expense than clerk hire would amount to.

(e) If the present appropriation is not increased, and the present ratio of increase in our work is continued, we shall have to turn away at least twenty-five per cent. of the work that will be coming to us by the end of the next two years, which work is sent by physicians in connection with public health work.