

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE NO. 363

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 28, 1913.*

*Reported by Mr. Gordon from Committee on Claims, and  
ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE in favor of the city of Saco.

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated seven-  
2 ty-five dollars (\$75) to reimburse the city of Saco for  
3 expenses incurred in the investigation of incendiary fires.



### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

On March 26, 1912, Hon. Andrew P. Havey, commissioner of insurance, was notified by a communication from the mayor of the city of Saco that there had been several recent fires of incendiary origin, and as a result of this communication Mr. Chas. L. Doble of LaGrange, Maine, came to Saco to co-operate with the city officials in conducting an investigation. Detectives and counsel were engaged and it was agreed between the insurance department and the city of Saco that each should bear one-half of the expense. The expenses amounted to \$150 and were paid by the city of Saco, it being understood that the State should reimburse the city to the extent of \$75. As there was some controversy over the charges of the Burns Detective Bureau, the matter was delayed and the bill was not presented to the commissioner of insurance until after his appropriation for fire investigation had been exhausted. Mr. Havey recognizes this as a valid claim which should be paid by the State of Maine, and is ready to make such statement before the Committee on Claims.