

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 632

In Senate, March 27, 1913.

Reported by Senator Moulton from Committee on Public Health, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE providing for an epidemic or emergency fund.

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

STATEMENT.

The State Board of Health has for many years had an epidemic or emergency fund to meet unforeseen emergencies due to the presence within the state of dangerous epidemic diseases or to the threatened invasion of the state by these diseases. While the policy of the board is not to do the work which properly belongs to the cities and towns, it must necessarily take action when smallpox or other serious infectious diseases are introduced into the unorganized townships; and the geographical extent and relative location of the state makes such work costly and the need of it frequent during some seasons. The board asks for this fund to enable it to meet promptly and efficiently these epidemic emergencies which may present themselves in the year 1914 and for which estimates cannot be made in advance.