

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE NO. 551

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*House of Representatives, March 6, 1915.*  
*Reported by Mr. Michaud from Committee on Public Health,*  
*and ordered printed under joint rules.*  
*FORTUNAT BELLEAU, Clerk Pro Tem.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend section twenty-three of chapter eighteen of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter twenty-six of the Public Laws of 1907 and chapter forty of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the State Laboratory of Hygiene.

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

Section twenty-three of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes as amended by chapter twenty-six of the public laws of 1907 and by chapter forty of the public laws of 1913, is hereby further amended by striking out the words, "five thousand five hundred" in the second line of said section and inserting in place thereof the words 'six thousand five hundred,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 23. The sum of six thousand five hundred dollars  
10 a year is hereby appropriated to pay for the services of the  
11 director, and of such assistants as may be necessary, to pro-  
12 cure the necessary supplies, and to meet the other necessary  
13 expenses of said laboratory, which sum shall be expended  
14 under the supervision of the state board of health.'

### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The work of the state laboratory of hygiene, both chemical and bacteriological, has steadily increased until the director of the laboratory and his one assistant are unreasonably overworked. They cannot keep up with the work for which there is a demand, which should be done, and which is of the highest importance to the health and welfare of the state.

At present the laboratory work covers too limited a field. There is urgent need of other kinds of work as an aid in the restriction and control of the infectious and other diseases. Another trained assistant should be constantly employed.

It is for these reasons that the state board of health is compelled to ask and to urge that the annual appropriation for the laboratory be increased.