

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 733

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*House of Representatives, March 13, 1915.*

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

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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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 two of chapter twenty-five of the  
Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nine relating to sup-  
plies furnished to any person or family while placed in quar-  
antine by the Board of Health.

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

Section two of chapter twenty-five of the public laws of  
2 nineteen hundred and nine is hereby amended by adding to  
3 said section the words, 'but the provisions of this section  
4 shall not release the state from the obligations which are  
5 imposed upon it by sections thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two,  
6 and thirty-three of chapter twenty-seven of the revised stat-  
7 utes,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 2. All expenses including all supplies of food and  
9 medicine including antitoxin incurred in carrying out the  
10 provisions of section one of this act, or incurred in furnish-  
11 ing families or persons affected with tuberculosis with burn-  
12 able spitcups, or other supplies needed to prevent the spread  
13 of infection, or such part thereof as the board may deter-  
14 mine, shall be deemed a legitimate expenditure for the pro-  
15 tection of the public health and shall be charged to the ac-  
16 count of incidental expenses of the town, but not to any  
17 pauper account, nor shall any person so quarantined and  
18 assisted, be considered a pauper, or be subject to disfran-  
19 chisement for that cause unless such persons are already  
20 paupers as defined by the revised statutes; but the provisions  
21 of this section shall not release the state from the obliga-  
22 tions which are imposed upon it by sections thirty, thirty-  
23 one, thirty-two, and thirty-three of chapter twenty-seven of  
24 the revised statutes.’

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR "AN ACT TO  
AMEND SECTION TWO OF CHAPTER TWENTY-  
FIVE OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF NINETEEN HUN-  
DRED AND NINE."

The geographical location of some towns and cities makes them especially liable to receive persons who have no legal settlement in any town in the state. If they come down with an infectious disease or come from lumber camps or other places, already suffering with an infectious disease, it is not equitable that the town or city to which they come and must have help, shall be required to bear the expense of their care.