

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE**

AN ACT Relative to the Extermination of Mosquitoes.

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

Section 1. The insect known as the mosquito is hereby
2 declared in all its stages a cause of sickness and a public
3 nuisance, and the commissioner of the state department
4 of health is hereby authorized and directed to use all law-
5 ful methods for its control, suppression and abatement.
6 In co-operation with the state entomologist he is authorized
7 to carry on such investigation of mosquito life-history and
8 control and of the prevalence of mosquito breeding places
9 in this state and particularly in any locality when so re-
10 quested by the local health officer as will in his judgment

11 furnish information necessary to the successful carrying
12 on of mosquito extermination by any agency within the
13 state. It shall also be the duty of said commissioner to
14 cause to be carried on, by such means as he may deem
15 best, the spread of information concerning the nature and
16 results of mosquito extermination among the people of
17 the state.

Sect. 2. The commissioner of health shall be authorized
2 to enter upon areas suspected of being breeding places of
3 salt-marsh or fresh-water mosquitoes wheresoever located
4 and to carry out necessary control measures for the abate-
5 ment of mosquito nuisances and the eradication of such
6 mosquitoes. Said commissioner may delegate authority to
7 carry out such control measures to local health officers or
8 other officials of cities, towns or plantations in which con-
9 trol work is deemed necessary.

Sect. 3. For the purpose of carrying into effect the
2 provisions of this act, said commissioner of the state de-
3 partment of health shall have power to expend such
4 amount of money annually as may be appropriated by the
5 legislature.