

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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**Senate Document**

**No. 27**

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S. P. 47.

In Senate, Jan. 24, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Insane Hospital and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Mitchell of Aroostook.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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RESOLVE, in Favor of the Bangor State Hospital for Additional Equipment and Renovations.

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RESOLVED: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated  
2 for the Bangor State Hospital for the fiscal year from July  
3 first, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, to June thirtieth,  
4 nineteen hundred and thirty, the sum of twenty-nine thou-  
5 sand dollars. Of said sum there shall be applied to the  
6 remodelling of kitchen three thousand dollars, renovation  
7 of the cold storage plant six thousand dollars, additional  
8 laundry equipment eight thousand dollars, an elevator in  
9 building D seven thousand dollars, and a new piggery five  
10 thousand dollars.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Remodelling the kitchen. The present kitchen is too small and inadequate to properly meet the needs of the present number of patients. Additional room is necessary for a dish-washing room in order to remove this work from the center of the kitchen. For sanitary reasons this renovation has been recommended by the local health officer and by the State Department of Health.

Estimated cost ..... \$3,000.00

2. Renovation and enlarging cold storage plant. The present cold storage plant is old, inefficient and inadequate to meet the present demands which have greatly increased since it was installed. The increased capacity of the institution will cause a demand on the cold storage plant far beyond its present capacity. Renovation of the cold storage plant with an increased capacity is therefore absolutely necessary.

Estimated cost ..... \$6,000.00

3. Additional laundry equipment. Some of the laundry machinery is worn out and must be replaced. Additional laundry equipment is also necessary to meet the increased demands of the laundry due to the increase in population.

Estimated cost ..... \$8,000.00

4. Elevator in Building D. Building D is a five story building with five floors for patients without an elevator. Sick patients are carried from the upper floors to the hospital ward which causes a great deal of heavy lifting for the nurses. In many acute illnesses it is dangerous for the patients and contrary to good treatment for the patients to be carried on stretchers up or down several flights of floors. An elevator in Building D is therefore an urgent necessity.

Estimated cost ..... \$7,000.00

5. New Piggery. The present piggery is a wooden structure with wooden floors. The wooden floors make it possible for rats to breed under them and consequently rats are continually coming from the piggery into the hospital. The present location of the piggery is also too close to the wards for proper hospital sanitation. A new piggery with rat proof foundation and rat proof floors should be built at a proper distance from the wards in order to eliminate bad odors and the danger and nuisance of rats.

Estimated cost ..... \$5,000.00