

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 29

S. P. 49

In Senate, January 24, 1929.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Mitchell of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, in Favor of the Bangor State Hospital.

Emergency preamble: Whereas, at the present time the nurses at the Bangor State Hospital are housed in the same buildings as are the patients, and,

Whereas, as the room for the proper housing of the nurses has become inadequate, and,

Whereas, the rooms now occupied by the nurses are needed for the proper care and treatment of women patients, residents and citizens of this state who may be confined therein, and,

Whereas, it is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety that the appropriation specified in this resolve be made available for the new con-

struction and equipment of a nurses' home in connection with said hospital, which in the mind of the legislature constitutes an emergency within the meaning of the constitution,

BANGOR STATE HOSPITAL

APPROPRIATION FOR NURSES' HOME

Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated for
2 the construction and equipment of a nurses' home for the
3 Bangor State Hospital, the sum of one hundred forty-five
4 thousand dollars, the same to be expended under the direc-
5 tion of the board of hospital trustees, subject to the approval
6 of the governor and council.

The foregoing amount is to be available as follows:

- a. Twenty thousand dollars during the fiscal year ending
2 June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine.
- b. One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars during the
2 fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and
3 thirty.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the present time the women nurses sleep in attics and in rooms intended for the use of the patients, which compels them to live and spend their time off duty in close proximity with the patients.

A home for the nurses would tend to improve the nursing staff as more competent nurses would be encouraged to remain in the service.

Suitable quarters for the nurses is an urgent need and should be provided as early as possible.