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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 189

In Senate, March 25, 1931.

Reported by Senator Farnsworth of Aroostook from Committee on Insane Hospitals and laid on Table to be printed under Joint Rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Appropriating Money for the Construction and Equipment of a Nurses' Home for the Bangor State Hospital.

Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated for the construction and equipment of a nurses' home for the Bangor State Hospital, the sum of one hundred forty thousand dollars, the same to be expended under the direction of the State Board of Hospital Trustees, subject to the approval of the Governor and Council.

The foregoing amount is to be made available during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the present time the nurses at the Bangor State Hospital are housed in the same buildings as are the patients, some in attics and some in rooms off from the wards.

There are now 49 more women patients in the hospital than the normal accommodations provide for, and as the nurses occupy 24 beds belonging to the women patients, the overcrowded conditions render impossible proper classification and treatment of the women patients.

During the past year 1180 patients were treated at the Bangor State Hospital and the net increase of the patient population at the end of the year was 51. The number of employees required is at the ratio of one employee for every five patients.

At the present time there are 950 patients in the hospital which requires from 185 to 190 employees to care for them. The hospital has accommodations for only 124 employees which leaves a shortage of accommodations for from 60 to 65 employees.

As the present overcrowded conditions at the Bangor State Hospital render impossible proper treatment of the patients, and endangers the health and safety of the nurses, an appropriation for a nurses' home to accommodate from 65 to 70 nurses should be provided for.