

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 236

H. P. 821

House of Representatives, January 31, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Education, sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Cook of Pittsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Providing Medical Service for Small Towns.

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

Sec. 1. Commission on medical education created. There is hereby created a commission for medical assistance for small towns to be composed of 3 members, 1 physician, 1 educator, and 1 other citizen, all to be appointed by the governor, with the consent of the council, to serve for a period of 3 years, 2 years and 1 year respectively. At the expiration of the term of office of any member, the same member or a new member in the same classification shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. In case of a vacancy because of death, resignation or otherwise a new member in the same classification shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term. The members shall receive their actual reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. A chairman and a secretary shall be elected by the commission from among its members.

Sec. 2. "Medical education fund" created. A "medical education fund" shall be set up for the purpose of establishing scholarships to assist worthy students in completing their medical education. There shall be appropriated by the legislature the sum of \$1000 for the fiscal year 1935-36; the sum of \$2000 for the fiscal year 1936-37; the sum of \$3000 for the fiscal year 1937-38; and \$4000 for the fiscal year 1938-39; and so much annually

thereafter as may be necessary to have the amount of \$4000 annually available in the fund. In addition there shall annually be appropriated such a sum as will take care of the expenses of the commission.

Sec. 3. Medical students to be assisted; conditions. The commission shall select 2 candidates annually, by such method as seems best to them, who shall receive a loan of \$500 each annually for 4 years to assist them in obtaining a medical education at some competent university. The condition of the loan shall be that the student shall practice for the first 3 years after the completion of his preparation for practice in a town in Maine whose population does not exceed 1500. The commission shall act as the agents for the state in the arrangement of the details of the making of the loans and of the method of repayments. All repayments due shall be credited to the "medical education fund."