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S. P. 94

In Senate, January 19, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Public Health. Sent down for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Owen of Kennebec.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Creating the Office of State Pathologist.

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

Sec. 1. Appointment; salary. The commissioner of health and welfare, with the approval of the governor and council, shall appoint in the bureau of health a state pathologist which position may be held by the director of the diagnostic laboratory and who shall be a physician specially trained in pathology and whose salary shall be established by said commissioner of health and welfare with the approval of the governor and council.

Sec. 2. Duties. The state pathologist shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the director of health and shall also when directed by the attorney-general assist medical examiners in the conduct of such autopsies, pathological examinations and medico legal work as shall be necessary or expedient in the opinion of the attorney-general.

Sec. 3. Office; laboratory; rules and regulations. The state pathologist shall maintain an office and laboratory in the bureau of health and in addition to the duties specified in section 2, may conduct for the various departments of the state government and for the law enforcement officers of the various counties, cities and towns, such pathological and medico legal services as may be required. The director of health, with the approval of the commissioner of health and welfare and the attorney-general, is authorized and directed to establish rules and regulations for the direction

and control of such services as may be performed under the provisions of this section and for the payment therefor by the various departments or law enforcement officers requesting the same.