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**Legislative Document**

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S. P. 164

In Senate, January 31, 1947

Referred to the Committee on University of Maine, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Clough of Penobscot.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Create and Establish a Four-Year Medical School in the State of Maine to be Known as "The Medical College of Maine," a School of Medicine of the University of Maine.**

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

**Sec. 1. School of medicine established.** There is hereby created and established a 4-year school of medicine in this state to be under the management and control of the board of trustees of the University of Maine and to be known as "The Medical College of Maine".

**Sec. 2. Commission, members; vacancies, how filled.** There is hereby created a commission of 9 members to be appointed by the governor, with the approval of the council, as follows: 3 members from the board of trustees of the University of Maine on nomination by said board of Trustees; 3 members from the Maine Medical Association upon nomination by the councillors of said Medical Association; 3 members representing the public, residents of this state,—to serve until completion of the duties hereby imposed; vacancies to be filled from selections made in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

**Sec. 3. Acquisition of property; appropriation.** It shall be the duty of said commission and it is hereby authorized to acquire in the name of the state of Maine property by purchase or gift, and to locate, construct, estab-

lish, and equip a building or buildings as it may deem necessary or convenient for the establishment of said school of medicine and for said purposes is hereby authorized and empowered to do all things necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes for which this commission is created, provided, nevertheless, that the location, building and equipping of said building or buildings for said college, shall meet the approval of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association and of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

For the purpose of paying the expenses of the building commission herein created, in determining the location and equipment and making necessary surveys and studies for constructing, establishing and locating a medical school of the University of Maine, the sum of \$15,000 is hereby appropriated which shall be used and expended in payment of the actual expenses of said commission or any member thereof in the discharge of the duties imposed upon it by this act.

**Sec. 4. Completion of duties of commission.** As soon as said commission has completed the duties assigned to it, or has completed them to a sufficient extent to permit the opening and operation of the medical school hereby authorized, it shall formally turn over to the board of trustees of the University of Maine the property, buildings, improvements and equipment acquired, established and constructed by the commission.

**Sec. 5. Standards of scholarship.** The board of trustees of the University of Maine is hereby given full power and authority to maintain and operate the school of medicine created by this act wherever located, and to set, establish, and maintain standards of scholarship and teaching which shall be in accordance with standards approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association and of the Association of American Medical Colleges, and to perform all acts and functions necessary or appropriate to carry out provisions of this act as it relates to the proper and orderly maintenance and operation of said medical school; provided, however, that the board of trustees shall be under no duty to operate or to continue the operation and maintenance of said medical school unless and until adequate appropriation is received from the state of Maine for that purpose.

**Sec. 6. Effect of appropriation.** Since it is the purpose of this act to establish and maintain a standard 4-year medical school to be administered by the University of Maine, and since the University, in order to carry out that purpose, must itself necessarily continue to be accredited by the national and regional standardizing agencies, it is hereby expressly provided

that appropriations made under this act, being set apart exclusively for the school of medicine and for no other purpose, shall not adversely affect appropriations made to the University in support of its other schools, colleges, divisions, and activities.

**Sec. 7. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the state the sum of \$1,000,000, which said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended by the commission for the purposes set forth herein, and the said commission shall have no right or authority to pledge the credit of the state of Maine in any way except as to the expenditure of the sum herein appropriated.

**Sec. 8. Degrees.** The board of trustees is authorized to confer the degree of "Doctor of Medicine" upon such students of the school of medicine as complete the 4-year course of said college to the satisfaction of said board of trustees.