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S. P. 383

In Senate, February 23, 1951.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Kavanagh of Androscoggin.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-ONE

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AN ACT Relating to Free Vaccination for Children.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 54, amended.** The 1st sentence of the 1st paragraph of section 54 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 173 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The local health officer of each city, town and plantation shall annually ~~on a day or days specified by him during the month of March, or oftener if he deems it prudent in case of emergency,~~ provide for the free vaccination with cowpox of all inhabitants within his jurisdiction; and shall provide for free inoculation with suitable material against **smallpox**, diphtheria, **tetanus** and whooping cough of all children under ~~12 years of the age of entering school~~ at a time specified by him, not less than 1 month preceding the fall of opening of public schools.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 54, amended.** The 3rd paragraph of section 54 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 173 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The municipal officers of cities, towns and plantations shall approve, and

the cities, towns and plantations shall pay any reasonable bills or charges incident to the foregoing when approved by the local health officer. **Upon the refusal of the municipal officers to furnish the suitable materials for the free inoculation of children and upon the request of the local health officer the department shall furnish such materials.'**