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Legislative Document

No. 237

H. P. 206

House of Representatives, January 29, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT to Repeal the Liquor Research Commission Law and Provide that the Department of Health and Welfare Assume Certain Responsibilities Relating to Alcoholism.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, alcoholism is such an acute problem within the state of Maine that immediate efforts should be made in the treatment thereof; and

Whereas, it is vital that the health of the people of the state of Maine be protected as much as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 73-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 73-A, to read as follows:

'Alcoholism.

Sec. 73-A. Alcoholism. Alcoholism is declared to be an acute problem requiring such efforts as may reasonably be made in the treatment thereof. The department is authorized to take such action as it may deem necessary to assist in bringing about the reduction in alcoholism.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1951, c. 218, repealed. Chapter 218 of the private and special laws of 1951 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. Funds lapse. The sum of \$24,300.15 as of December 31, 1952, which is the balance of the appropriation made by the provisions of section 3 of chapter 218 of the private and special laws of 1951, shall lapse to the general fund.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and welfare to carry out the purposes of this act, the following: for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, the sum of \$3,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, the sum of \$9,000 from the general fund; and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, the sum of \$9,000 from the general fund.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.