

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

Chapter 223.

An Act relating to the Public Health.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. The state board of health is authorized to establish and equip with the proper and necessary apparatus, instruments, and supplies, a state laboratory of hygiene, for the chemical and bacteriological examination of water supplies, milk and food products, and the examination of cases and suspected cases of diphtheria, typhoid fever, tuberculosis, glanders, and other infectious and contagious diseases.

State laboratory of hygiene, authorized.

Section 2. The state board of health shall appoint a director of such laboratory, who shall hold that position at the pleasure of said board of health. He shall keep a record of all specimens sent to him for examination, and examine these specimens without unnecessary delay, and do such other work, and make such other investigations relating to the public health as said state board of health may from time to time instruct him to do. He shall annually in the month of January make a full report to the state board of health of all matters pertaining to the laboratory, and shall make such other and special reports as the state board of health may ask for. The kind and amount of the work he shall do and the compensation therefor shall be fixed by the state board of health.

Appointment of director of laboratory.
—duties of director.

—shall report annually.

Section 3. The services of the laboratory and all investigations therein made shall be free to the people of this state.

Services shall be free.

Section 4. The sum of two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of procuring the proper and necessary apparatus, instruments, and other supplies for the equipment of such laboratory; and the sum of three thousand dollars per year is hereby appropriated to pay for the services of the director, and of such assistants as may be necessary, to procure the necessary supplies, and to meet the other necessary expenses of said laboratory, which sum shall be expended under the supervision of the state board of health.

Appropriation for equipment.

Section 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 28, 1903.