

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
AS PASSED BY THE  
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Legislatures  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE  
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**PUBLIC LAWS**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE**

As Passed by the Ninety-first Legislature

**1943**

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'Assessors of taxes shall include in their inventories lists of all dogs 6 months old or over owned or kept by any inhabitants on the 1st day of April, setting the number and sex thereof opposite the names of their respective owners or keepers, and shall make returns to the clerks of their respective cities or towns and to the commissioner of agriculture or his authorized agent of such lists on or before the 15th day of June following.'

Effective July 9, 1943

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## Chapter 77

### AN ACT to Enable Towns to Obtain State Aid in Securing Public Health Nursing Service.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the present world conflict creates, in the opinion of this legislature, an emergency in health hazards, particularly in rural areas, due to the necessary induction of a large number of practicing physicians into the armed services and consequent difficulty of securing medical care; and

Whereas, it is deemed a public responsibility to supplement such medical care as is available, by providing the greatest possible amount of trained nursing care to persons unable to otherwise obtain such care; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI 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:*

**General public health nursing service; appropriation; qualifications of nurses.** Two or more adjoining towns may unite in employing the same public health nurse, whose duty shall be to carry on a general public health nursing service. Any program established under this act shall be carried on according to accepted standards for such service, and shall include bedside care of the sick under plans approved by the director of health in accordance with regulations which may be adopted by the department of health and welfare under provisions of section 8 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933, as amended.

Towns desiring to take advantage of this act are hereby empowered to appropriate or raise money for the foregoing purpose at any annual town meeting, or during the war emergency, at any special town meeting called for the purpose.

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The state may contribute not exceeding 50% per annum on account of the salary and travel of any such public health nurse whose qualifications meet the requirements of the state bureau of health; and the entire salary and necessary travel of such nurses shall be paid by the state bureau of health when an amount equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  such salary and travel has been paid to the treasurer of state to be credited to the public health nursing account of said bureau, provided that no contribution may be made by the state for services provided for in this act where the total population of any town exceeds 6,000 as shown by the 1940 U. S. census.

The state's share of the above contributions may be paid from the state appropriation for public health nursing, or from federal grants to the state when plans are approved by the granting agency.

Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent contiguous towns, or single towns or cities, from employing qualified public health nurses on their own account, or in conjunction with private agencies who are contributing to the salaries of such nurses in whole or in part, provided the services of such nurses include a program equivalent to an acceptable generalized public health program, and so organized that there is no duplication of work or travel.

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

Effective March 12, 1943

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## Chapter 78

### AN ACT Relating to Expenses of Quarantine.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 120, amended. Section 120 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933, as amended by section 12 of chapter 84 of the public laws of 1935, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 120. Expenses incurred to be deemed legitimate, and charged to town. All expenses including all supplies of food for medical care and medicine, including antitoxin, incurred in carrying out the provisions of the preceding section, or incurred in furnishing families or persons affected with tuberculosis with supplies needed to prevent the spread of infection, ~~or such part thereof as the local health officer may determine~~ shall be deemed a legitimate expenditure for the protection of the public health and shall be charged to the account of incidental expenses of the town, but not to any pauper account, nor shall any person so quaran-