

APPROPRIATION ACT -  
CANCER COMMISSION -  
NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR -

Term "operation" does not authorize  
expenditures for World's Fair exhibit.

September 26, 1938



Miss Dorothy A. Hehmann  
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Dear Miss Hehmann:

We have your request for an opinion as to whether the Cancer Commission can pay for the construction of an exhibit at the New York World's Fair, 1939, from funds contained in the operation account.

The "operation" account you refer to is that portion of the appropriation made by the 1937 Legislature, Session Acts 1937, page 166, which reads as follows:

"For operation of Cancer Hospital  
for one year. . . . . \$100,000.00"

We find that the Legislature has made provision for exhibits at the New York World's Fair in Section 58a, Session Acts 1937, page 121, and has appropriated \$225,000.00 for the purpose of preparing, installing, maintaining and disposing of exhibits at the New York World's Fair, and also the San Francisco Exposition. In construing appropriation acts, we are required to construe them strictly. Meyers vs. Kansas City et al. 18 S.W. (2d) 900.

It is, therefore, not possible under the above rule to construe the 1937 appropriation act, "for operation of Cancer Hospital for one year" in any manner so as to authorize the expenditure of any portion of this fund outside of the State of Missouri or for any purpose other than the actual expense of operating and maintaining a Cancer Hospital for the specified period.

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It is, therefore, the opinion of this office that no portion of the 1937 appropriation act, supra, can be used for the construction and maintenance of an exhibit at the New York World's Fair in 1939.

Respectfully submitted

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