

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Ayer of Cornish.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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**AN ACT** Relating to the Stipend for Agricultural Societies During the  
War Emergency.

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**Preamble.** Whereas, the United States is now engaged in a war with foreign nations, and

Whereas, legally incorporated agricultural societies in the state may not be able to operate during the war emergency, and

Whereas, it is deemed desirable to continue to render financial aid to such societies; now therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Stipend to agricultural societies for duration of war.** Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 25 and 26 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes of 1930, as amended, if during the war emergency or due to any rule or order of any governmental authority having jurisdiction thereof any of the legally incorporated agricultural clubs, societies and fair associations of the state, hereinafter in this chapter designated as societies, shall cease to pay in any year premiums or gratuities upon horses, cattle, sheep and swine, poultry and agricultural and domestic products, or any of them, then and in such event the commissioner of agriculture shall in each year pay out of the state stipend set aside for such purposes to each

such society as may cease to pay such premiums or gratuities in the same proportion as such society was paid for the year 1941, in any event not to exceed \$3,000 per year; provided, however, that if any such society did not receive such payment in 1941, the commissioner of agriculture may in his discretion pay such society the stipend or such proportionate part of said stipend as he may determine based on premiums paid by said society in a normal year prior to 1941; provided, further, that nothing in this chapter contained shall be construed as preventing any such society which continues to pay such premiums and gratuities from receiving out of such stipend the amount to which it would be entitled under the provisions of sections 25 and 26 of chapter 39 of said revised statutes, as amended, and if the amount so received is not equal to the amount to which such society would have been entitled under the provisions of this act, the provisions of this act shall govern.

**Sec. 2. Duration of act.** This act shall cease to be effective 6 months after the cessation of hostilities.