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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT to grant legislative assent to the provisions of the federal aid road act and to authorize the state highway commission to co-operate with the federal government according to the provisions of said act.

Whereas, it is necessary to obtain legislative action in order to comply with the provisions of the Federal Aid Road Act, so that the state shall receive the aid to which it is entitled, and since it is desirable and important that work upon the roads shall begin early in the season, and whereas these facts render the passage of this act immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety, and constitute an

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emergency within the meaning of the constitution; now therefore

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:
Section I. The legislative assent required by section one
2 of the Act of Congress approved July 11, 1916 (Public No.
3 156) entitled "An Act to provide that the United States shall
4 aid the states in the construction of rural post roads and for
5 other purposes" is hereby given.

The State Highway Commission is authorized and empow-2 ered and it is hereby made their duty to make all contracts 3 and to do all things necessary to co-operate with the United 4 States government in the construction and maintenance of 5 rural post roads under the provisions of said Act of Con-6 gress and to submit such comprehensive plan or program 7 of improvements as will meet the regulations and require-8 ments of the Secretary of Agriculture under the provisions 9 of the said Act, and the faith of the state to meet the said 10 Act of Congress throughout the entire five year period cov-11 ered by said Act is hereby pledged. So much of the moneys 12 accruing to the state highway fund available for expendi-13 ture in the construction and maintenance of state highways 14 as may be necessary to secure federal funds apportioned to 15 this state under the said Act of Congress, together with said 16 Federal funds, shall be expended upon the state highways. Sect. 2. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble,

2 this act shall take effect when approved.