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Legislative Document

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S. P. 585

In Senate, March 13, 1933.

Reported by Senator Cooper of Waldo from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Continuing Accounts in Departments Supported by Direct Appropriations.

Emergency Preamble. Whereas, at the present time the funds of several departments of the state have become depleted through extraordinary expenditures made necessary by the economic crisis through which we are now passing, and

Whereas, there are unexpended balances in several of the departments which might be available for transfer to the departments where needed if the governor and council had authority to order such transfer, and

Whereas, certain vital activities of the state will be hampered and curtailed unless such transfers of funds are made, 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:

Transfer of funds. Notwithstanding any existing provisions of law, governing appropriations by the legislature from general funds in the regular appropriation acts, relating to non-lapsing or continuing of appro-

priations for special purposes, or relating to special use of surpluses or balances in any department or appropriation, the governor and council are hereby empowered to transfer and lapse to general funds in the treasury such unexpended balances in any general fund appropriations, other than the tax on combustion engine fuel, motor vehicle fees and licenses, as may be necessary in their judgment to meet any emergency in financing the government from the effective date of this act until July 1, 1935.

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