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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SIX

AN ACT Relating to Old Age Assistance.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the social security act (public 271, 74th congress), provides for federal grants to states for old-age assistance, and

Whereas, the said act provides that there must be financial participation by the states in this form of aid, and

Whereas, the requirements for aid for many of our aged inhabitants make it imperative that the state shall grant aid to the limit of its ability to such persons and that it shall procure its fair proportion of the federal money provided for said purpose, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts constitute an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of the state of Maine and therefore require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; therefore,

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

Continuation of old age assistance. A tax of 10% on the sale price is hereby imposed on the purchase of all spirituous and vinous liquors sold in the state by the state during the period from December 21, 1936 to June 30, 1937, both dates inclusive. In case the amount of the tax to be collected

does not result in even cents, the tax shall be for the next higher cent. In no case shall the tax be for less than 5 cents on any bottle.

The Maine state liquor commission shall collect the said tax from the purchaser and pay the amounts into the state treasury, and the state controller shall credit the same to the state contingent fund.

The amount collected is hereby appropriated for, and shall be used by the governor and council to provide for, old age assistance only, from January 1, 1937 to June 30, 1937 in accordance with the provisions of the Social Security Act.

All price lists of the commission shall state the amount of the tax levied on each bottle and state that it is a tax for Old Age Assistance.

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