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S. P. 628

In Senate, April 5, 1939.

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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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AN ACT Relating to Emergency Aid in Certain Organized and  
Unorganized Territory.

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

**Sec. 1. Relief of unemployables.** Any city, town or plantation which is financially unable to provide for the relief of its unemployables, may make application to the department of health and welfare for funds from the state for said purpose. The application shall be made by the municipal officers in writing and a copy thereof shall be forwarded to the emergency municipal finance board created by chapter 284 of the public laws of 1933, as amended. No such funds shall be paid to any city, town, or plantation until the management of its affairs has been taken over by the emergency municipal finance board, as provided in said chapter 284 of the public laws of 1933, as amended. The state through the department of health and welfare may render aid and relief to unemployable persons located in such cities, towns and plantations, management of whose affairs has been taken over as aforesaid, and to unemployable persons located in unorganized territories. The inability of such cities, towns and plantations and unorganized territories to provide necessary relief for their unemployable persons shall be decided by the department of health and welfare and the state auditor.

**Sec. 2. P. L., 1933, c. 284, § 3, amended.** Section 3 of chapter 284 of the public laws of 1933, special session, as amended by chapter 233 of the public laws of 1937 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

**‘Whenever, after August 1, 1939, any city, town or plantation shall make application to the state for funds in support of its poor, the board is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be made the audit and investigation provided for in the first paragraph of this section.’**