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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Registration of Veterans' Graves.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, under the provisions of federal law it is possible to obtain employment for a large number of otherwise unemployable persons, provided the registration of veterans' graves be accepted by the state as a project, and

Whereas, many graves of veterans are not recorded, and difficult to locate, and it may soon be impossible to locate them, and

Whereas, the work on this project should be started at once, so that full advantage can be taken of the spring and summer conditions, 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:

Registration of veterans' graves. The adjutant-general in cooperation with the Works Progress Administration of the United States shall cause to be made a record of, and plans of, places of burial of all deceased honorably discharged veterans of the army, navy or other military establishments of the United States (including those of the former Confederate States of America). There is hereby appropriated a sum not in excess of \$5000 to be paid from the general funds and to be expended under the direction of the governor and council to care for the necessary expenses of the state in cooperation on this project.

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