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Legislative Document

No. 1230

S. P. 730

In Senate, May 28, 1940.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and sent down for concurrence. 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Marden of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY

AN ACT Providing for Improvement in Military Preparedness.

Emergency Preamble. Whereas, the armory facilities for the national guard are far from adequate and handicap proper training of the militia; and

Whereas, sufficient funds are not available for necessary improvements in the training of the national guard; and

Whereas, the present world catastrophe plainly shows the need of immediate preparedness for national defense; and

Whereas, in the judgment of this legislature, the facts hereinbefore set forth 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:

Sec. 1. Training of the national guard. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the military fund out of any available funds, to provide for and facilitate the training of the national guard prior to January 1, 1941.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 18, § 65, amended. Section 65 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

'Each commissioned officer shall receive from the state \$50 the first year, and \$25 each year thereafter toward the purchase of his necessary uniforms, arms and equipment.'

Sec. 3. Armory improvement. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$350,000 for the construction and improvement of armories under the direction and supervision of the armory commission. The armory commission is hereby directed to start forthwith on this program.

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