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Legislative Document

No. 1231

S. P. 731

In Senate, May 28, 1940.

Referred to 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 an Air Unit in the National Guard.

Emergency Preamble. Whereas, it is established that air superiority is essential in modern warfare; and

Whereas, it is essential that everything be done possible to improve our air defense; and

Whereas, the state has no aviation unit of the national guard; and

Whereas, the state cannot establish an aviation unit of the guard without meeting certain financial requirements of the federal government in order to receive aid from the federal government; 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:

Appropriation for aviation unit. The governor is hereby directed, as soon as authority can be obtained from the war department, to organize

an aviation unit of the national guard. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$280,000 to pay the expense of the physical set-up required to qualify the state under the federal rules to operate such a unit, and for the maintenance thereof for the first year, to be expended under the direction of the governor and council.

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