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House of Representatives, January 23, 1941.

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Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Leavitt of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Creating the Maine Nautical School.

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

Sec. 1. Maine Nautical Training School. There is hereby created "Maine Nautical Training School", which shall be a body corporate and politic, having the same rights, privileges and powers as have corporations organized under the general law, with the right to adopt a common seal and to establish by-laws and regulations for the management of its affairs not repugnant to its charter and the laws of the state of Maine, and with the principal location of its school in the State of Maine.

The affairs of the school shall be controlled by a board of 9 trustees, all residents of the state of Maine, who, together with their successors, shall be appointed by the governor of the state of Maine, with the advice and consent of his council. In the first instance, 3 trustees shall be appointed for terms of 1 year, 3 for terms of 2 years and 3 for terms of 3 years. Thereafter 3 shall be appointed annually to serve for terms of 3 years, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. Any vacancy in the board shall be filled by appointment by the governor for the remainder of the unexpired term, but the majority of the board shall carry on business during the existence of any vacancy on the board.

Sec. 2. Powers. Said trustees shall provide and maintain a nautical school for the instruction of students in the science and practice of navigation and in practical seamanship, steam, diesel and electrical engineering, radio and radio communication, and of ship operation, ship construction and ship and boat design, provide books, stationery, apparatus and other supplies, and equipment needed in the work thereof. The board may appoint and remove necessary instructors and other employees, determine their compensation, fix the terms upon which students shall be received and instructed therein and discharged therefrom, and make all regulations convenient or necessary for the management of said school and provide from time to time for actual sea experience for its students.

Sec. 3. Collection and disposition of income. The trustees shall have the power to receive and fix tuition fees, and other charges, including charges for board and lodging of the students while attending the school or any of its activities. The trustees may receive in behalf of the school grants from any federal government agency and/or from any of the several states and/or from any other source. They shall invest such monies as in the opinion of the majority of said trustees shall be for the best interest of said school, unless any such money is given for any particular purpose. The said trustees shall render an account annually to the state controller of all money received and spent during the current year by the trustees, a summary of which report shall be included in the reports published by the state of Maine.

Sec. 4. State aid. In addition to the income provided by the provisions of section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$50,000 biennially from which the treasurer of state or his successor shall, upon request of the trustees, make advances for the operation of the school not to exceed \$25,000 per annum to the treasurer of the school, who shall give bond in an amount to be set by the governor and council, but not less than \$25,000, with sureties approved by the governor and council, for its proper disbursement. Said advance shall be accounted for by properly approved vouchers within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year.

Sec. 5. Right of non-residents to attend school. The trustees may, upon application of out-of-state agencies or students, admit such students in accordance with such rules as the trustees may set up, provided the said non-resident students pay the same fees as the state of Maine students, plus the pro rata cost of the state aid furnished by the state, over and above the regular charges, and also provided that their admittance to the school in no way deprives a Maine student with sufficient funds and who is eligible for admittance from attendance at the school.