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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

**AN ACT Permitting the Department of Health and Welfare to Cooperate
with the United States Department of Agriculture.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, enabling legislation is necessary to permit the state to take advantage of the stamp plan, so-called, for the relief of the people of the state, and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that this be done as soon as possible to relieve suffering, 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:

Department of health and welfare may cooperate with the United States Department of Agriculture. The department of health and welfare may cooperate and participate in the administration of programs of the United States Department of Agriculture or any agency thereof.

When in his judgment it appears to be for the best interest of the welfare of the people of the state, the commissioner of the department of

health and welfare, with the approval of the governor and council, is authorized to enter into and execute, on behalf of the department of health and welfare, all necessary agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture or any agency thereof to carry out the provisions of the stamp plan, so-called, or other plans for the distribution of food or surplus commodities for relief purposes. Such agreements may include in their provisions that regulations promulgated by the secretary of agriculture governing the administration of programs of the United States Department of Agriculture shall become part of such agreements.

There shall be established in the department of the treasurer of state, by authority of the governor and council, a revolving fund for use in connection with participation in the federal program of the United States Department of Agriculture or any agency thereof.

This revolving fund so established shall not be in excess of \$100,000. This fund must at all times consist of cash on hand, stamps purchased (and not resold) and accounts receivable (against the cities and towns of Maine that have purchased stamps from this fund), the aggregate of which shall equal the total fund established by order of the governor and council;—it further being understood that this fund shall be used solely for the purpose of purchasing United States Government Food Stamps to be resold to the cities and towns of Maine participating in the so-called Food Stamp Plan.

The above-mentioned fund shall be established by segregating the fund approved by the governor and council as above stated from the amounts on deposit to the credit of the general funds of the state of Maine.

This fund shall continue in effect until the governor and council shall determine that the necessity for said fund no longer exists, when such segregation of funds shall cease.

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