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Legislative Document

No. 1115

S. P. 540

In Senate, April 5, 1941.

Reported by Senator Elliot of Knox from Committee on Public Health and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Providing State Services for the Blind.

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

Sec. 1. P. L., 1937, c. 210, additional. Chapter 210 of the public laws of 1937 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 21 and to read as follows :

‘**Sec. 21. Services for the blind.** The department of health and welfare shall provide, or cooperate with other public agencies in providing a program of services for the blind, including the prevention of blindness, the locating of blind persons, medical service for eye conditions, vocational guidance and training of the blind, the placement of blind persons in employment, assistance to the blind in marketing the products of their home industries, the instruction of the adult blind in their homes and other social services to the blind.

The commissioner of health and welfare is hereby authorized to establish within the department of health and welfare a division, to be known as the division of services for the blind, charged with the responsibility for carrying out the provisions of this section.’

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year

ending June 30, 1942, the sum of \$5,000 and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, the sum of \$5,000, said sums or so much of them as may be necessary, to be expended for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the foregoing section.