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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Downs of Rome.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
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**AN ACT Relating to Premarital Medical Examinations in Emergencies.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, Italy, Japan and other foreign countries; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature this fact creates an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and requires 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:

**P. L., 1941, c. 202, § 2, amended.** The first sentence of section 2 of chapter 202 of the public laws of 1941 is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Because of emergency or other cause shown by affidavit or other proof, any justice of the superior court **or any judge of probate**, if satisfied that the public health and welfare will not be injuriously affected thereby, may make an order, in his discretion, on joint application of both of the parties desiring the marriage license, dispensing with the requirements of section 1 as to either or both of the parties, including the laboratory statement specified below, or, if the statement or statements provided for by such

section have been filed, extending the 30-day period following the examination and test to not later than a day specified, which, however, shall be not more than 90 days after the examination and test.'

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