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**No. 1206**

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S. P. 594

In Senate, January 13, 1942.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges. Sent down for concurrence and 600 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Sanborn of Cumberland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-TWO

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**AN ACT Providing for Appropriations and Adjustments in the Highway  
Department Made Necessary by the War.**

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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:

**Adjustments in state highway department.** Chapter 94 of the private and special laws of 1941 is hereby amended by adding after the paragraph lettered (v) the following paragraph:

‘(w) Whenever it may appear to the governor that the income received by the state to provide for the apportionment of funds as provided for in paragraphs lettered (a) to (u), inclusive, is less than the amount apportioned for that purpose, then the governor and his council may direct the state highway commission to curtail or eliminate certain apportionments in

such manner as will best conserve the funds of the state highway department and permit the department to operate within the available revenues. It shall be the intent of this paragraph that in event such curtailment is deemed necessary, that after retirement of bonds and payment of interest that such balance as may be available be first expended for continued maintenance of present roads and bridges before consideration be given to new construction. The administrative apportionments under paragraphs lettered (a), (b) and (d) may be increased by vote of the governor and his council upon recommendation of the commissioner of finance with the approval of the state highway commission.'

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