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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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S. P. 592

In Senate, January 13, 1942.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and 600 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-TWO

**AN ACT Relating to Corporations for Establishing and Maintaining
Hospitals.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the United States is now engaged in a war with foreign nations, and

Whereas, many of the young men of this state have been inducted into the military forces of the United States of America, and

Whereas, there is grave danger that many of our citizens will be injured and there will be a sudden increase of demands for hospital services in the state of Maine, and

Whereas, many of our present hospitals may find it necessary to increase and enlarge their hospital services and the amount of property they now own, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, the foregoing facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution and require the immediate passage of the following legislation as 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:

R. S., c. 70, § 5, amended. Section 5 of chapter 70 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 5. Powers to hold property. Such corporation may take and hold by purchase, gift, devise, or bequest, personal or real estate, in all not exceeding in value \$100,000, owned at any one time, and may use and dispose thereof only for the purposes for which the corporation was organized. **Provided, however, that any corporation organized under the provisions of this chapter for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a hospital may receive and hold real and personal estate, to any amount, which may from time to time be given, granted, bequeathed or devised to it, and accepted by the corporation for the uses and purposes of said hospital, provided always, that both the principal and income thereof shall be appropriated according to the terms of the donation, devise, or bequest.’**

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