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S. P. 601

In Senate, January 14, 1942.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and 600 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Libby 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 Relating to Finger-printing.**

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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:

**Sec. 1. Certain pupils to be finger-printed.** All children in the state attending the public schools, or their equivalents, from the seventh grade to the senior year in high school, both inclusive, shall be finger-printed under the supervision of the state bureau of identification.

**Sec. 2. Finger-prints, how taken.** The state police, the several sheriffs, and the chiefs of police in each of the cities and towns of the state, shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, and shall take, or cause to be taken, the finger-prints of the persons enumerated in section 1 hereof;

and they shall furnish to the supervisor of the bureau of identification copies of the finger-prints so taken, such finger-prints to be taken on forms furnished or approved by the state bureau of identification.

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