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House of Representatives, January 14, 1942.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Mercier of Rumford.

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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 the Necessities of Life.**

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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:

**Articles not to be purchased as prerequisite.** It shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firm or corporation to compel anyone to purchase any article of whatever nature as a prerequisite to the purchase of the necessities of life. Any one convicted under this act shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 1 month nor more than 11 months, or by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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