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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Mills of Farmington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-TWO

AN ACT Relating to Traffic and Regulation of Lights During Black-outs.

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. Police officers, power. Members of regularly constituted law enforcement agencies of the state or any subdivision thereof shall have the power to stop and direct the movement of motor and other vehicles upon the highways of the state and the streets of any city or town during any practice or authentic black-out. Said officers shall have the power to direct the extinguishment of all lights and may cause the same to be extinguished when orders for their extinguishment are not complied with. They shall have the power to enter buildings and vehicles when necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. Definition. Practice or authentic black-out as used in this act shall mean any general extinguishment of lights after sunset and before sunrise, carried out at the direction of legally constituted authority, according to law, while the United States of America is at war with any nation.

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