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Sent up for concurrence.

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 the Commission of Certain Crimes 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. Commission of certain crimes during black-outs; penalty. Whoever commits or attempts to commit the crime of larceny, burglary or any crime against the person or wantonly destroys property during practice or authentic black-outs in any city or town where such black-out is being conducted shall be guilty of black-out violation and shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of not less than two nor more than five years.

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.