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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Mills of Farmington.

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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 Fingerprinting and Identification of the Civilian  
Population.**

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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:

**Universal fingerprinting authorized.** The governor is hereby authorized to require the fingerprinting of all persons within the state and to utilize and establish such offices and agencies as may be required to carry out the provisions of this act. The governor is hereby authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary from the defense funds of the state to carry out the provisions of this act.

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