

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Southard of Augusta.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-TWO

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**AN ACT Relative to the State Military Defense Commission.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, a state of war now exists between the United States of America and Germany, Italy, Japan and other foreign countries; and

Whereas, the state of Maine is peculiarly exposed to armed attack and sabotage; and

Whereas, the state of Maine must immediately provide for adequate military and civilian defense; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require 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. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 120, § 1, amended.** Section 1 of chapter 120 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 1. Expenditures for military purposes and civilian defense, authorized.** The governor, with the advice and consent of his council, may draw his warrant upon any money in the treasury available and not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of suppressing insurrection, repelling invasion, or for purposes of war, especially for the building and improvement of armories, for the building and/or improvement of airports, including municipally owned airports, for military purposes, for expenses incurred on behalf of the state or in cooperation with the federal government in improving military efficiency, and procuring military equipment, and obtaining and/or improving lands and buildings for military purposes, **and for civilian defense**, up to an amount not exceeding ~~\$2,000,000~~ \$3,000,000, to be charged to the proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized in section 2 hereof.’

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 120, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of chapter 120 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended by striking out the figures “\$2,000,000” and substituting in place thereof the figures ‘\$3,000,000.’

**Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 120, § 4, amended.** Section 4 of chapter 120 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended by striking out the figures “\$2,000,000” in the headnote thereof and substituting the figures ‘\$3,000,000.’

**Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 120, § 7, amended.** Section 7 of chapter 120 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 7. Disbursement of bond proceeds.** The state military defense commission created by the 89th legislature is hereby charged with the duty of directing the expenditures authorized in section 1 hereof, **as amended, together with any other funds made available for the general purposes of military and civilian defense**, and it is hereby authorized to cooperate with the federal government for the achievement of the said purposes.

~~It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature to authorize the appropriation of not to exceed \$2,000,000 by the provisions of this act.’~~

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