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S. P. 135

In Senate, January 26, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Dow of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Regulation, Supervision, and Control of Motor Vehicles Transporting for Hire Petroleum Products.

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. P. L. 1933, c. 259, amended. Chapter 259 of the public laws of 1933, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 11-A and to read as follows:

'Sec. 11-A. Petroleum products; list of motor vehicles to be used; jurisdiction. During such period of time of the present emergency as the public utilities commission may authorize, any person, firm or corporation whose principal business is the sale and distribution of their own petroleum products may use their motor transport for the incidental purpose of transporting for hire petroleum products belonging to another without the pay-

ment of the fees or requirement of public hearing as set forth in this chapter. Any such applicant shall file with the commission a list showing the motor vehicles to be used in transporting such petroleum products, setting forth the make, type, rated and registered carrying capacity, serial, motor and registration numbers thereof. Such applicant shall not be granted authorization until he shall have procured a good and sufficient insurance policy or indemnity bond approved by the commission for the protection of the public in the collection of damages for which the applicant may be liable by reason of the operation of such motor vehicle.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 29, § 21, amended. Section 21 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

'Provided, however, that during such period of the present emergency as the public utilities commission may authorize, jurisdiction is hereby granted to it to issue to any person, firm, or corporation, emergency permits, upon proper application in writing, to operate motor vehicles, transporting petroleum products, having a weight greater than that specified in this chapter.'

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