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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Payson of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT to Authorize and Provide for the Temporary Admission to Practice in this State of Physicians and Camp Physicians to Protect the Health of the Civilian Population During the War Emergency Period.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, a serious public emergency exists or may exist in this state because of the demands of the armed services for physicians and dentists, and

Whereas, cooperation on the part of the state with certain federal agencies, such as the Procurement and Assignment Service for Physicians, Dentists, and Veterinarians of the War Manpower Commission, is imperative so that temporary relocation of physicians and dentists may be accomplished to overcome acute shortages in specific localities from time to time, and

Whereas, for the protection of the health and welfare of the people of the state, power to provide for the temporary admission to practice in this state of physicians licensed as such outside the state, is hereby conferred upon the state board of registration of medicine upon conditions and under regulations prescribed by them, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitu-

tion 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. Power to provide for the temporary admission to practice medicine in the state. To accomplish the purpose of this act, and notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the state board of registration of medicine shall have power by general regulations or specific orders to issue temporary emergency certificates to such physicians, licensed as such outside the state, as they shall find qualified to practice as such in this state during the war emergency period. The fee for a temporary emergency certificate shall be \$10. The holder of any such temporary certificate shall be privileged during the term specified therein, unless sooner revoked, to practice his profession within the state subject, however, to all laws of the state generally applicable to the practice of such profession and to such regulations, restrictions, and area limitations as the state board of registration of medicine may make or impose as to them or any of them and their practice within the state.

Sec. 2. Power to provide for the temporary admission to practice as camp physician in the state. Any physician, a graduate of a class A medical school or university, duly registered and licensed in any other state, who meets the requirements of the state board of registration of medicine relative to education medically as well as pre-medical, who is a citizen of the United States and is of good repute, may make application for a temporary license to practice as camp physician, for a period of not longer than 10 weeks during the summer months, that he may care for the campers in that particular camp for which he was hired and obtained as camp physician. He shall not be entitled to practice outside the limits of said camp or to offer himself for gain or hire in any community adjacent to such camp. The certificate of licensure shall be obtained each year and the right to practice thereunder is for the summer months only of the year in which issued. Application for this temporary certificate shall be made in the same form and manner as for regular licensure. The fee shall be \$10, which shall include registration and certificate. No examination shall be exacted from applicants for this temporary license for camp physicians.

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