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In Senate, February 11, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Dorr of Oxford.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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### **AN ACT Providing for Adjustments in the Highway Department Made Necessary by the War.**

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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:

**'Adjustments in state highway department.** Paragraph (w) of chapter 94 of the private and special laws of 1941, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1941, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'(w) Whenever it may appear to the highway commission that the income received by the state to provide for the apportionment of funds as provided for in this chapter, is less than the amount apportioned for that purpose, the highway commission, with the approval of the governor with the advice and consent of his council, may curtail or eliminate any or all parts of said apportionments in such manner as will best conserve the

funds of the state highway department and permit the department to operate within the available revenues. It shall be the intent of this paragraph that in event such curtailment or elimination is deemed necessary, that after retirement of bonds and payment of interest, such balance as may be available be first expended for continued maintenance of present roads and bridges before consideration be given to new construction. This paragraph shall remain in force and effect only until February 1, ~~1943~~ 1945 when it shall become null and void.'

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