

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1068

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Leavitt of Portland.

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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 Relating to Management of Institutional Farms.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, unless this act becomes effective immediately, it will be impossible to provide for the proper administration of institutional farms as provided herein, and

Whereas, this difficulty will hamper the agricultural operations of said farms, 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. R. S., c. 39, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

'He shall have full authority to supervise, manage and control all agricultural operations, including production of farm crops and care and maintenance of all livestock and all buildings and equipment pertaining thereto in all of the following state institutions: the insane hospitals, Pownal state school, the state prison, the reformatory for men, the reformatory for women, the juvenile institutions, the state sanatoriums, the school for the deaf, the military and naval children's home, and such other charitable and correctional state institutions as may be created from time to time. He shall have the authority granted for the more efficient use of the products from the institutional farms, with which products he shall attempt to make all institutions as near self-sustaining as possible by the exchange of surplus products and he shall keep the bureau of purchases informed of such surpluses or expected surpluses. He shall be authorized to employ such assistants as may be necessary for carrying out these duties. The superintendents of such institutions shall cooperate with him in carrying out these duties.'

**Sec. 2. Saving clause.** All acts or parts of acts in chapter 223 of the public laws of 1939, or any revision thereof or amendments thereto, inconsistent herewith are hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this act.

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