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S. P. 434

In Senate, March 3, 1943.

Received by unanimous consent on Mar. 3, 1943 and referred to Committee on Military Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Batchelder of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

**AN ACT Permitting Men in the Armed Services to Make Valid Transfers
of Property.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, a state of war now exists between the United States and the Axis Allies, and

Whereas, many soldiers and sailors did not have time to take care of their property, and the acknowledgments of the said soldiers and sailors in combat service cannot be taken under the present law of the state, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts constitute 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:

R. S., c. 87, § 23, amended. Section 23 of chapter 87 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the 1st paragraph thereof the following paragraph:

'Provided, however, that when a state of war exists between the United

States and any other nation, any resident of the state who is in the armed forces of the United States, and who executes a general or special power of attorney, deed, lease, contract, or any instrument that is required to be recorded, may acknowledge the same as his true act and deed before any lieutenant or officer of senior grade thereto in the army, or before any ensign or officer of senior grade thereto in the navy, and the record of such acknowledgment by said officers shall be received and have the same force and effect as acknowledgments under the other provisions of this section.'

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