

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, September 19, 1944.

Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking and sent up for concurrence. 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Flagg of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT Authorizing Savings Banks, Loan and Building Associations and Trust Companies to Make Mortgage Loans Under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, congress passed an act approved June 22, 1944 for the purpose, among other things, of providing means whereby former members of the armed forces could secure loans for the purchase and construction of homes, farms and business property, with certain guarantees by the federal government in regard to payment; and

Whereas, savings banks, loan and building associations and trust companies organized under the laws of the state of Maine appear to have no authority under the existing laws to make said loans; and

Whereas, such lack of authority is impeding or threatening to impede the progress of the contemplated loans and assistance to former members of the armed forces; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately neces-

sary 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:

**Mortgage loans.** Savings banks, loan and building associations and trust companies, in addition to other authorized investments, may hereafter invest their funds in notes or bonds secured by mortgages issued under sections 500 to 505, inclusive, of Title III of the servicemen's readjustment act of 1944, more familiarly known as "The G. I. Bill of Rights," and as such act may be interpreted and operated under rules to be promulgated.

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