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S. P. 147

In Senate, February 1, 1945.

Referred to the 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-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Local Rehabilitation of Veterans.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, Italy, Japan and other foreign countries; and

Whereas, cities and towns have no authority to raise money to rehabilitate veterans; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that cities and towns have such authority; 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 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. 80, § 91, amended. Section 91 of chapter 80 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 91. Other purposes for which cities and towns may raise money. Cities and towns may raise money to procure the writing and publication of their histories, to celebrate any centennial or other anniversary of the set-

tlement or incorporation of such city or town, and to publish the proceedings of any such celebration; to defray the expenses of the observance of memorial day, armistice day, or any other day set apart for patriotic commemoration, firemen's memorial Sunday, and of old home week; to hire a public nurse; to hire a dental hygienist; to subsidize a physician to induce him or her to settle in said town; to aid in the maintenance of a hospital serving the inhabitants of the town; **to provide for a local program or one based on coordination with the state having to do with the rehabilitation and employment of persons honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States in World War II; to provide for physical fitness programs in the schools;** and a sum not exceeding \$5,000 in any one town for erecting a suitable monument or memorial in memory of the soldiers and sailors who sacrificed their lives in defense of their country in the war of 1861, or in World Wars I and II, and a reasonable sum to secure, grade, and care for a lot appropriate for such a monument or memorial. They may also raise money to be expended for exterminating or controlling brown tail and gypsy-moths and other insect pests. Cities and towns may appropriate, and individuals and private organizations may raise sums of money to be deposited with and expended under the direction of the department of health and welfare for dental hygienist service, provided said sums are expended in the city or town where appropriated or raised. They may also raise money to be expended for the support and maintenance of the chamber of commerce or board of trade.'

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