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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Collins of Caribou.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SIX

**AN ACT Providing for Construction of Dormitories at the University of
Maine and Appropriating Moneys Therefor.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, an acute shortage of housing facilities for students now exists at the University of Maine; and

Whereas, because of such shortage many veterans of World War II and other students are unable to continue their educational pursuits; and

Whereas, this shortage is likely to continue for a substantial period of time; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16, part third, article IV of the constitution of Maine as enacted by article XXXI, 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:

Sec. 1. Additional dormitories, construction of. The university of Maine is authorized to construct 3 dormitories with a capacity of 600 or more students.

Sec. 2. Authorization to borrow for dormitories. The University of Maine is authorized to borrow moneys in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to provide funds to aid in the construction of the 3 dormitories mentioned in section 1. Any loans thus made shall not be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the state. The authorization to borrow under the provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 1947, but any loan made prior to July 1, 1947 may be renewed or extended during a period of 10 years from the date of the original loan.

Sec. 3. Trustees authorized to negotiate contracts. The trustees of the University of Maine are authorized to negotiate a construction contract or contracts with a contractor or contractors to be selected from a list of contractors to be submitted by the trustees to the governor and council for approval as to reliability, without resort to competitive bidding on specifications, and without definite information of cost of final construction.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,000,000 to carry out the provisions of this act.

This appropriation shall not lapse and shall be carried forward from year to year until such time as the dormitories are constructed and the work completed.

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