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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-SIX

RESOLVE, to Authorize State Board of Vocational Education to Approve and Supervise Industrial Training Program.

Resolves 1945, chapter 86, amended. Resolved: Chapter 86 of the resolves of 1945 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The state board of vocational education is hereby authorized to act as the state board of approval of institutions approve and supervise educational programs offering specialized training. Such board shall pass upon the eligibility of institutions which may now or hereafter make application for authority to provide education or training beyond that offered by the secondary schools to veterans under the provisions of the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944", excepting degree-granting institutions and apprentice-training or in service training courses;'

And be it further

Resolved: That a list of such institutions approved by the board be furnished the Veterans Administration in charge of administering the provisions of the federal bill cited as the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944".; and be it further

Resolved: That the sum of \$60,000 be appropriated annually to carry out the provisions of this resolve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944" provides for the education and training of veterans at government expense in educational institutions, apprentice-training systems and on-the-job training programs, all of which are to be approved and supervised by the proper state agencies. However, our Maine law does not vest any authority or responsibility with a state agency for supervising on-the-job training since no state-wide program of this kind ever functioned in Maine prior to World War II. To date the Federal Government has failed to allocate any funds to states for the supervision of in-service training programs. Therefore, the only way in which this service can be rendered to some 10,000 Maine veterans enrolled in this program is by vesting authority in a state agency and appropriating state monies sufficient to cover supervisory costs.