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STATE OF MAINE

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House Amendment "G" to H. P. 1528, L. D. 1245, Bill "An Act Providing for the Payment of a Bonus to or Insurance Premiums for Maine Veterans of World War II and for the Payment of Other Veterans' Benefits and to Provide for Such Payments by a Sales Tax."

Amend said Bill by striking out the title thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

'AN ACT to Provide for the Payment of a Cash Bonus of \$150 to or Insurance Premiums for Maine Veterans in World War II and Providing for the Raising of Revenue Therefor.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out Titles V, VI, VII, IX, X, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following:

'TITLE V

Bond Issue

Sec. 1. Bond issue authorized to provide funds; bonds to mature within 20 years of issue. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the treasurer of state is hereby authorized, with the approval of the governor and council, to issue bonds or notes from time to time as they are needed, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$16,000,000. Such bonds or notes shall be designated "Maine Military Service Loan,

Act of 1946," shall mature not more than 20 years from the date thereof, and shall bear such rate of interest, and be in such form and on such terms and conditions, other than those herein specified, as the governor and council may determine. Such bonds or notes shall be issued in the name and behalf of the state, and shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the state. The proceeds of the sale thereof shall be paid into the general fund and expended in the following manner:

I. Such sum as may be necessary to the credit of a fund hereby created, which fund shall be known as "The Veterans' Bonus Fund," and from which the payments authorized by Title I shall be made, and

II. Such sum as may be necessary to the credit of a fund hereby created, which fund shall be known as "The Veterans' Insurance Fund" and from which the payments authorized by title II shall be made.

Sec. 2. How funds shall be provided for retirement of bonds. The amount necessary to pay said bonds or notes as they mature, and the interest as it accrues, shall be raised from the taxes levied and collected under the provisions of title IV. Beginning April 1, 1947 and for each and every succeeding year for 10 years, there shall be raised from such taxes a sum sufficient for the redemption of such bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding \$1,600,000 per year and such additional sum as may be required for the payment of interest on all such bonds or notes outstanding. The sum so levied and collected shall be paid into the general fund, and redemption of said bonds or notes and payment of the interest thereon shall be made from said fund.

TITLES VI & VII

Taxes

Sec. 1. Taxes. There is hereby imposed upon the following articles sold at retail a tax equivalent to the following per cent of the price for which so sold:

I. 5% tax on admissions to theaters, recreation parks and any other places of recreation and amusement;

II. An additional 2 mill tax on each cigarette;

III. 5% tax on perfumes, essences, extracts, toilet waters, cosmetics, petroleum jellies, hair oils, pomades, hair dressings, hair restoratives, hair dyes, aromatic cachous, toilet powders, and any similar substance, article, or preparation, by whatsoever name known or distinguished; any

of the above which are used or applied or intended to be used or applied for toilet purposes;

IV. 5% on radios, phonographs and all musical instruments;

V. 5% on all athletic and sporting goods, and

VI. 5% on all luggage, jewelry and furs.

Sec. 2. Use of proceeds of taxes. The proceeds derived from this title shall be devoted to carry out:

I. The provisions of section 2 of title III; and

II. The payment of the necessary expenses of the administration, collection and enforcement of this act.

TITLE IX

Referendum

This act shall be submitted for approval or rejection to the duly qualified voters of the state of Maine at the general election to be held on the 2nd Monday of September, 1946. The municipal officers of the cities, towns and plantations in this state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives to give in their votes upon this act, and the question shall be: "Shall the act to provide for the payment of a cash bonus of \$150 to Maine veterans in World War II and providing for the raising of revenue therefor, as submitted by the 92nd legislature to the people, be accepted?" and the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of the act expressing it by making a cross within the square opposite the word "Yes" upon the ballots and those opposed to the act by making a cross within the square opposite the word "No" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and returns made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the act, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation and thereupon this act shall become law. The secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several

cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing act, accompanied by a copy thereof.

TITLE X

Conditional upon adoption of constitutional amendment; act to become effective upon same date as constitutional amendment. This act shall take effect only under the provisions of title V and upon the adoption in September, 1946, of the proposed amendment to article IX of the constitution providing for the issuing of state bonds for the purpose of paying a cash bonus of \$150 to Maine veterans in World War II; and in case of such adoption shall take effect on the day said constitutional amendment becomes effective.'