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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cousins of Fort Kent.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide Revenue for the Construction and Extension of Airports, and to Regulate and Control the Expenditures Thereof.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the United States government, in order to establish a nation-wide system of public airports adequate to meet the present and future needs of civil aeronautics has enacted the "Federal Airport Act," so called, to provide federal aid for the development of public airports, and

Whereas, it is highly essential to have said airports available for use in defense of the state, and

Whereas, it is essential that work on the construction, extension and improvement of said airports be started forthwith, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning 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. 21, §§ 24-29, additional. Chapter 21 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 6 new sections to be numbered 24 to 29, inclusive, to read as follows:

Sec. 24. Airport construction fund; appropriation for. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund of the state the sum of \$125,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and the sum of \$125,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, to aid in the construction, extension and improvement of state or municipal airports within the state, and to be known, designated and segregated as "Airport Construction Fund." Any unexpended balance at the end of any fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward for use in any succeeding fiscal year. All payments made out of said appropriation shall be made on order of the aeronautics commission with the approval of the governor and council. The aeronautics commission shall out of the aeronautical fund repay to the state the full amount of the foregoing appropriation, known as the "Airport Construction Fund" as promptly as in the opinion of the commission funds are available to do so.

Sec. 25. Provisions of federal airport act accepted; commission authorized to cooperate with United States government. The provisions of the Federal Airport Act, entitled "An Act to provide aid for the development of public airports," and for other purposes, and all other acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto are assented to.

The aeronautics commission, subject to the approval of the governor and council is hereby authorized and empowered to accept for the state, federal funds apportioned under the provisions of the above act as amended and supplemented, to act for the state in conjunction with the representatives of the federal government, in all matters relating to the construction, extension or improvement of state airports to be constructed, extended or improved with federal aid pursuant to the provisions of said act, and to make all contracts, and do all things necessary to cooperate with the United States government in the construction, extension or improvement of state airports.

Sec. 26. Commission may use funds of "Airport Construction Fund" to construct, extend or improve state airports. The commission with the consent of the governor and council may from the amounts appropriated, and known as the "Airport Construction Fund" match funds with the federal government for the purpose of constructing, extending or improving state airports.

Sec. 27. Municipalities, or airport districts may apply to commission for grant of funds out of "Airport Construction Fund." Any municipality, or airport district within the state of Maine, which has applied to the United States government for aid in the construction, extension or im-

provement of an airport or airports which it owns, and which is situated, or to be constructed within the municipality or within the municipalities constituting the airport district, and has assented to the provisions of the Federal Airport Act, entitled "An Act to provide aid for the development of public airports," and for other purposes and all other acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and has received aid from the United States government under said act, may apply to the commission for a grant of funds out of the "Airport Construction Fund."

Sec. 28. Commission may grant funds to municipalities or airport districts out of "Airport Construction Fund." The commission with the consent of the governor and council may from the amount appropriated to aid in the construction, extension and improvement of state or municipal airports, known as the "Airport Construction Fund," grant unto any municipality, or airport district within the state of Maine, which has assented to the provisions of the Federal Airport Act, entitled, "An Act to provide aid for the development of public airports" and for other purposes and all other acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and which has received aid from the United States government under the provisions of said act, 25% of the total cost of the construction, extension or improvement of such airport or airports, or any lesser per centum of said costs.

Sec. 29. Cities, towns, counties and airport districts by and through its or their municipal officers or its or their duly constituted representatives are authorized to accept federal funds under the Federal Airport Act, so called, and to do all things necessary or incidental to the acceptance of said federal funds.'

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