

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Brown of Unity.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Appropriating Moneys for State General Relief.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, because of the increase in the cost of living, and

Whereas, an increase in the number of unemployed persons have forced a large number of persons to seek relief from the poor departments of the various municipalities, and

Whereas, it is necessary to reimburse such municipalities for such increased relief expenditures during the current fiscal year, 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 public peace, health and safety, now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$165,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949 for state general relief.

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

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

The department of health and welfare had planned to transfer this sum from the appropriation for old age assistance to state general relief for the balance of the fiscal year. The passage of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1949 made necessary the use of this money to meet the increased cost of raising maximum in old age assistance and aid to the blind from \$40 to \$50 a month. It is now necessary to appropriate this sum to state general relief in order to reimburse the various cities and towns for their expenditures for state general relief cases during the balance of the fiscal year.