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House of Representatives, February 25, 1949

Referred to the Committee on Welfare. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jacobs of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

**AN ACT Relating to the Transfer of the Department of Institutional
Service to Department of Health and Welfare.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, it is essential that consolidation of departments and services be effected on the state level; and

Whereas, such consolidation will mean better service at a lower cost to the people of Maine; and

Whereas, as a step toward such consolidation the duties and functions of the department of institutional service should be transferred to the department of health and welfare which prior to 1939 had such duties and functions; and

Whereas, such transfer will mean a saving to the people of the state of Maine of at least \$20,000 annually; and

Whereas, in the judgement 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:

Sec. 1. Transfer of duties. The duties imposed upon the department

of institutional service under the provisions of chapter 23 are hereby transferred and imposed upon the department of health and welfare; and the department of health and welfare shall exercise all the right, powers and duties heretofore vested by law in the department of institutional service.

Sec. 2. Delivery of records. All state contracts, books, maps, plans, papers, records and duties shall be transferred to the department of health and welfare and the commissioner of health and welfare is authorized to take possession of said property.

Sec. 3. Appropriations transferred. All unexpended funds appropriated or made available to the department of institutional service for the purpose of any of its functions, powers and duties which are transferred to the department of health and welfare are hereby transferred to the latter.

Sec. 4. Application. Whenever in the revised statutes or public laws, the words "commissioner of institutional service" appear they shall mean 'commissioner of health and welfare' and wherever the words "department of institutional service" appear they shall mean 'department of health and welfare'.

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