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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Appropriate Moneys to Continue the Cost of Living Increases
of State Employees.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, because of the increase in the cost of living, salaries of state employees are inadequate; and

Whereas, many have and will be obliged to take employment elsewhere unless relief is given to meet the aforesaid increased cost of living; and

Whereas, the efficiency of the administration of the state affairs in all departments is vitally affected; and

Whereas, because of said inadequate salaries, suitable replacements cannot be obtained; and

Whereas, efficient administration is vital for the well-being of the state and all citizens; 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:

Sec. 1. Continuation of cost of living increases for state employees. Beginning July 1, 1949, there is hereby appropriated such sums as may be

required by the respective departments of state government so as to continue in effect the cost of living increases in effect on January 1, 1949.

Sec. 2. Intent. It is the intent of the legislature to continue at the rate of \$7 per week the provisions of chapter 188 of the private and special laws of 1947 and to continue in effect the wage rate adjustments on the basis of a unit increase, so called, in each bracket for state employees as provided for by the personnel board on October 4, 1948.

Sec. 3. Limitation. The provisions of this act shall cease to be effective on September 1, 1951.

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