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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burkett of Portland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Providing for Funds for Civil Defense and Public Safety.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, recent events have shown that there is an imperative need for an adequate civil defense and public safety program in order to protect the citizens of this state; and

Whereas, existing provisions of law for the development of civil defense and public safety programs are inadequate; and

Whereas, recent events have shown that speed is of the essence in modern warfare and defense; and

Whereas, the president of the United States has declared a national emergency; 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. 11-A, § 19, additional.** Chapter 11-A of the revised statutes, as

enacted by chapter 298 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 19, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 19. Appropriations and authorization of expenditures. There is hereby established a fund to be known as the "Emergency Civil Defense and Public Safety Fund."**

The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, is hereby authorized and empowered to transfer to this fund any state moneys in the general fund of the state, including unexpended appropriation balances of any state department or agency allotted or otherwise. The governor is hereby authorized to expend the moneys in the said fund for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter.'

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