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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Clements of Belfast.

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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 to Stabilize the Prices of Milk and Cream During the Present  
Emergency.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Due to the rising cost of living and the national emergency, the people of Maine need aid in stabilizing the prices of the necessities of life; and

Whereas, to insure adequate supplies of milk and cream at reasonable prices for the people of Maine; and

Whereas, such supplies are necessary for the health of the people; 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. 28, §§ 8-11, additional. Chapter 28 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto 4 new sections to be numbered 8 to 11, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Sec. 8. Title. The provisions of sections 8 to 11, inclusive, may be cited as the Milk and Cream Stabilization Act of 1951.

**Sec. 9. Purpose.** The legislature declares that the objective of sections 8 to 11, inclusive, is to establish the prices of milk and cream in the state at wholesale and retail at a level not exceeding the prices authorized by the Maine milk commission as of July 1, 1950.

**Sec. 10. Suspension of law.** The Maine milk commission is authorized and directed to suspend during the period of the emergency all provisions of law and regulations deriving therefrom inconsistent with the objective of sections 8 to 11, inclusive, and until such time as the emergency is proclaimed by the governor on the advice of the Maine milk commission to be at an end.

**Sec. 11. Prices published.** The Maine milk commission is directed to publish the prices of milk and cream effective in the several milk areas on July 1, 1950 and now again effective from and after the date of sections 8 to 11, inclusive, and in proper proceedings to enforce compliance with the provisions of section 9 violations of which shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 for each offense.'

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