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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Creating the State Institutional Emergency Fund and the Personal Services Reserve Account.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 16, 26-A—26-B, additional. Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 26-A and 26-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 26-A. Institutional emergency fund. The Governor with the advice and consent of the Council may allocate from the institutional emergency account amounts not to exceed \$375,000 in any fiscal year. Such allocations may be made to meet any expense incurred by reason of increased patient load or higher cost of commodities, or for the maintenance of inmate care within the scope existing at the time of the previous session of the Legislature or contemplated by laws enacted thereat. Allocations may also be made from this account upon the joint recommendation of the State Personnel Board and the State Budget Officer in such amounts as may be necessary to adjust the official salary plan of the State for institutional employees to meet changing economic and recruitment requirements. At the close of each fiscal year there shall be transferred from the unappropriated surplus an amount necessary to restore the institutional emergency account to \$375,000.

Sec. 26-B. Personal services reserve account. In order to provide some degree of flexibility to meet emergencies arising during any fiscal year in expenditure for wages and salaries of the various department and agencies of State Government supported in whole or in part from the general fund, excluding institutions, the Governor and Council upon the joint recommendation of the

State Personnel Board and the State Budget Officer may allocate from the personal services reserve account such amounts deemed necessary to adjust the official salary plan of the State to meet changing economic and recruitment requirements. At the close of each fiscal year there shall be transferred from the unappropriated surplus an amount necessary to restore the personal services reserve account to \$100,000.'

Sec. 2. Appropriations. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 the sum of \$100,000 to establish the personal services reserve account.