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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Of the 5 members of this commission, 1 shall be a biologist from the faculty of the University of Maine; 1 a lobster fisherman who is in favor of the present law as to the legal length of lobsters; 1 a lobster fisherman who is in favor of a change in the present legal length of lobsters; 1 a wholesale lobster dealer; and 1 other competent person. The commission shall make a study of the breeding and reproduction of lobsters, shall confer with the fishermen and dealers in this and other states regarding production and sale of lobsters and the problems arising therefrom; shall confer with the United States Department of Commerce and Labor and with similar commissions from other states or with legislative committees of other states or with department heads of other states that have the lobster industry under their charge, for the purpose of accomplishing the object for which this committee is appointed. The department of sea and shore fisheries shall furnish any desired information that is available to the commission and shall assist the commission in every possible way. This commission shall serve without pay but shall receive such actual expenses as are reasonably incurred in the performance of its duties, to be paid from the funds of the department of sea and shore fisheries in an amount not exceeding \$500.

Approved March 31, 1933.

Chapter 77.

AN ACT Providing Flexibility in the Handling of State Revenues and Expenditures During the Period of the Present State Cash Stringency.

Emergency Preamble. Whereas: As a result of the existing depression in the United States and in the State of Maine, a general condition has arisen which operates to curtail the direct revenues of the state, and

Whereas: As a result of said depression banks in a considerable number within the State of Maine are closed, in which banks the state of Maine has on deposit funds aggregating approximately a million dollars which are not presently available and which may be reduced in amount when they become available by reason of the scaling down of deposits under an act heretofore passed by this legislature, and

Whereas: As a result of laws now in force it is anticipated that the cash available and to be available with the receipts from direct taxation and indirect sources will be insufficient to carry on all of the functions of government unless pooled for a common purpose, and

Whereas: The pooling of indirect revenues and the making of the same available for general expenditure without regard to existing statutes requiring the segregation of funds for special purposes will make it possible to so carry on all the functions, and

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Whereas: In the judgment of this legislature the facts herein before set forth create an emergency within the meaning of Article XXXI 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. In order to provide flexibility in the handling of the revenue of the state, whether derived from direct taxation or from indirect sources of whatever nature, the governor and council are hereby authorized, notwithstanding any provision of law requiring any part or parts of such revenues to be set aside or segregated and held in a separate fund or funds for any specific purpose or purposes, to use such direct tax money and indirect receipts in accordance with their best judgment in such manner as will provide for the carrying on of all governmental functions, provided, however, that the controller shall show by proper record the special funds as constituted by law from which any such revenues are diverted, that proper provision may be made when funds are available for the restoration thereof.

Sec. 2. Notwithstanding the terms of any act or resolve passed by this legislature providing for the appropriation of any funds for any particular purpose or purposes, the governor and council are hereby authorized to delay the expenditure of such fund or funds for such purposes until in their judgment the cash position of the state warrants such expenditure or expenditures.

Sec. 3. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble this act shall take effect when approved; and shall remain in effect until January 1, 1934.

Approved March 31, 1933.

Chapter 78.

AN ACT to Appropriate Moneys for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1934 and June 30, 1935.

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

Appropriations for necessary expenditures of government. In order to provide for the necessary expenditures of government for the next two fiscal years—from July 1, 1933 to June 30, 1934 and from July 1, 1934 to June 30, 1935—the following sums or as much thereof as shall severally