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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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As Passed by the Ninety-sixth Legislature  
At The  
SPECIAL SESSION, SEPTEMBER 21-23, 1954

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**Chapter 181**

**AN ACT** Relating to Sale of 1954 Revised Statutes, Annotated, Outside of State.

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

**Sale of Revised Statutes outside of state.** Printed copies of the 1954 Revised Statutes, Annotated, and supplements thereto, may be sold and delivered directly by The Michie Company, Charlottesville, Virginia to persons or corporations outside of the State of Maine, at a price not less than the retail price within the state, plus State of Maine sales tax. The provisions of this act shall not be interpreted to prohibit in any way the exchange of such sets and supplements wherever reciprocity agreements exist between the State of Maine and persons or corporations outside of the state.

Effective December 23, 1954

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**Chapter 182**

**AN ACT** Providing Emergency Relief to Municipalities from Hurricane Damage to Highways.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas the hurricanes, Carol and Edna, caused great damage to the highways in this state; and

Whereas many of the towns do not have available funds to repair the damaged ways and bridges; and

Whereas, the legislature finds as a fact that it is essential to the welfare and safety of the people that the highways be restored to use as soon as possible, 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 public peace, health and safety, now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriation for emergency relief.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund surplus of the state the sum of \$1,000,000, to be expended under the supervision of the state highway commission, to carry out the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 2. Emergency highway relief provided.** The state highway commission is hereby authorized and directed to reimburse the various cities and towns according to the provisions of this act for part of the necessitous expenses of repairing and replacing ways and bridges that are maintained by such cities and towns that were damaged by the hurricanes, Carol and Edna.

The said cities and towns shall be reimbursed by the state for 50% of the cost of the repairing and replacement of the ways and bridges that were damaged by the said hurricanes. The reimbursement cost shall be limited to the cost of replacement in the condition that the said ways and bridges were immediately preceding the arrival of hurricane Carol.

In the cases where 1% of the city or town's valuation, as reported by the Bureau of Taxation on November 21, 1952, is less than 50% of the costs of the projects within that city or town, the said commission shall further reimburse the said city or town to the extent of the difference between 1% of valuation and the 50% cost of the projects within that city or town. Provided, however, that in case reimbursements from other sources in addition to the State's reimbursements should exceed the total cost of the replacement of the damaged highways and bridges to the former condition, the city or town shall reimburse the state to the extent of the excess.

All of the work done on these projects must be carried out to the satisfaction of the State Highway Commission.

The said Commission may advance to any city or town up to 25% of the project cost as estimated by the said Commission.

Further payments shall be conditioned on the furnishing of proper vouchers, pay-rolls, and other documentary evidence, covering the work done under the advance payments as well as the work that follows.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect upon approval.