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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

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An Act respecting a Department of National War Services.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by reason of developments since the outbreak of the present war a special emergency has arisen and the national safety of Canada has become endangered, and

WHEREAS *The National Resources Mobilization Act, 1940*, 5 has been enacted to provide for the mobilization of all the effective resources of the nation, both human and material, for the purpose of the defence and security of Canada, and

WHEREAS it is necessary for such purpose to ascertain what resources, whether human or material, are available 10 for securing the public safety, the defence of Canada, the maintenance of public order, or the efficient prosecution of the war, or for maintaining supplies or services essential to the life of the community, and

WHEREAS it is expedient to create a Department of 15 National War Services to assist in carrying out the purposes of *The National Resources Mobilization Act, 1940* and for the other purposes of this Act;

THEREFORE His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, 20 enacts as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as *The Department of National War Services Act, 1940*.

Establishment of Department.

2. There shall be a Department of the Government to be called the Department of National War Services over 25 which the Minister of National War Services for the time being appointed by the Governor General by Commission under the Great Seal of Canada shall preside and the Minister shall have the administration and direction of the Department. 30

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EXPLANATORY NOTES.

The purpose of this Act is to set up a department of National War Services to assist in carrying out the objects of *The National Resources Mobilization Act, 1940*, and for other purposes mentioned in the Act.

The relevant sections of *The National Resources Mobilization Act, 1940*, read as follows:—

"2. Subject to the provisions of section three hereof, the Governor in Council may do and authorize such acts and things, and make from time to time such orders and regulations, requiring persons to place themselves, their services and their property at the disposal of His Majesty in the right of Canada, as may be deemed necessary or expedient for securing the public safety, the defence of Canada, the maintenance of public order, or the efficient prosecution of the war, or for maintaining supplies or services essential to the life of the community.