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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

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An Act respecting a Department of National War Services.

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

- Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as *The Department of National War Services Act, 1940.* 5
- Establishment of Department. **2.** There shall be a Department of the Government to be called the Department of National War Services over 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. 10
- Deputy Minister. **3.** (1) The Governor in Council may appoint an officer who shall be called the Deputy Minister of National War Services, who shall be the deputy head of the Department. 15  
(2) Such other officers, clerks and employees as are necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the Department may be appointed in the manner authorized by law: Provided that the Minister may, with the approval of the Governor in Council, whenever it is deemed necessary 20 or expedient, appoint such other officers, clerks and employees as he shall from time to time determine and fix their remuneration.
- Officers, clerks and employees.
- Powers of Minister. **4.** The Minister may, when authorized by the Governor in Council, 25  
(a) promote and organize voluntary assistance with a view to the most effective use of services or contributions of wealth or other property for the efficient prosecution of the war and the welfare of the nation;

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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.

**3.** The powers conferred by the next preceding section may not be exercised for the purpose of requiring persons to serve in the military, naval or air forces outside of Canada and the territorial waters thereof."