

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

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No. 5.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
SIXTY-TWO.

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AN ACT in aid of the families of volunteers.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Any city, town or plantation may raise  
2 money by taxation or otherwise, and if necessary ap-  
3 ply the same under the direction of their mayor and  
4 aldermen, selectmen or assessors, as the case may be,  
5 for the aid of the wife, and of the children under six-  
6 teen years of age, of any one of their inhabitants, who,  
7 as a member of the volunteer militia of this state, may  
8 have been mustered into, or enlisted in the service of  
9 the United States, or on duty as a soldier in this state,  
10 and for each parent, brother or sister, or child, who,

11 at the time of his enlistment, was dependent on him  
12 for support.

SECT. 2. Of the sum so paid or applied by any city,  
2 town, or plantation for the support of the family of  
3 any inhabitant who may be actually engaged in the  
4 service of the United States or of this state, as pro-  
5 vided in the first section, there shall be reimbursed  
6 from the state treasury to such city, town, or planta-  
7 tion, a sum not exceeding one dollar per week for the  
8 wife, and seventy-five cents for each child or parent of  
9 such inhabitant, who, at the time of his being called  
10 into the service, was dependent on him for support ;  
11 *provided*, that the whole sum so reimbursed shall not  
12 exceed ten dollars per month for all the persons named  
13 in the preceding section so dependent upon any such  
14 inhabitant.

SECT. 3. No reimbursement shall be allowed from  
2 the state treasury to any city, town, or plantation, as  
3 provided in this act, until a full report, certified and  
4 sworn to, by the mayor and a majority of the alder-  
5 men of any city, a majority of the selectmen of any  
6 town, or a majority of the assessors of any plantation,  
7 containing a statement of the inhabitants of such city,  
8 town, or plantation, whose families have been assisted  
9 as provided in the first section, and of the persons who

10 have been assisted, and the relations which such per-  
11 sons bear to such inhabitants so in the military service,  
12 and the sum paid to each person, has been made to  
13 the governor and council, and carefully examined and  
14 approved by them.

SECT. 4. A statement of all expenditures under this  
2 act during the preceding year, certified and sworn to  
3 as herein provided, shall be made to the governor and  
4 council on or before the fifteenth day of January, and  
5 examined and allowed by them on or before the first  
6 day of March following:—And when so approved the  
7 treasurer of state shall deliver a certificate thereof to  
8 such city, town, or plantation payable at the pleasure  
9 of the state with interest payable annually, and the  
10 provisions of this act shall apply to such assistance  
11 rendered as well before as after its passage, and the  
12 time for presenting the claims for aid so rendered in  
13 the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one shall be ex-  
14 tended to April first, and the time for settlement to  
15 June first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two. No dis-  
16 abilities shall be created by reason of aid so furnished  
17 and received.

SECT. 5. The word “plantation,” where it occurs  
2 in this act, is meant to include plantations organized  
3 for election purposes.

SECT. 6. Section sixth of chapter sixty-three of the  
2 public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-one is here-  
3 by repealed.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect on and after its  
2 approval by the governor.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, January 22, 1862.

Bill "An act in aid of the families of volunteers," reported from the Committee on Militia and Military Affairs, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary.*