

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 16.

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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. The cities, towns and plantations in this  
2 state are hereby severally empowered to raise money  
3 by taxation or otherwise, to be applied to aid in the  
4 support of the wife and minor children being inhabit-  
5 ants of such city, town or plantation, of any soldier,  
6 who may be actually engaged in the military service  
7 of the United States, or of this state, in any recognized  
8 company, battalion, or regiment of this state who shall  
9 allot or send home from his monthly pay at least the  
10 sum of eight dollars for the benefit of his family. The

11 money so raised to be expended under the direction  
12 of the municipal authorities of said cities, towns or  
13 plantations, as the exigencies of the persons for whose  
14 benefit it was intended may severally require for the  
15 relief of actual distress.

SECT. 2. Of the money so applied by any city, town  
2 or plantation, as authorized in section one, there shall  
3 be reimbursed from the state treasury to such city,  
4 town or plantation, an amount not exceeding seventy-  
5 five cents per week for a wife, and fifty cents for each  
6 child, being inhabitants as aforesaid, who at the time  
7 of such soldier's being called into service were, and  
8 who still continue to be dependent on him for their  
9 support; *provided, however,* that the sum so reim-  
10 bursed shall not in any case exceed ten dollars per  
11 month for all the persons thus dependent upon one  
12 soldier.

SECT. 3. No such reimbursement shall be made in  
2 any case until an account of the expenditures duly  
3 certified and sworn to by a majority of the proper  
4 municipal authorities, shall be filed with the governor  
5 and council, which account shall set forth the name of  
6 the soldier for whose family expense has been incurred,  
7 also the name of each person who received aid and the  
8 sum paid for each of said persons, and that the same

9 was necessary to relieve actual distress. Accounts  
10 thus made out and filed within the time hereinafter  
11 prescribed, shall be examined by the governor and  
12 council, and if found correct and duly vouched shall  
13 be approved.

SECT. 4. Such accounts shall be filed with the gov-  
2 ernor and council on or before the fifteenth day of  
3 January in each year, and shall be passed upon by  
4 them on or before the first day of March following.  
5 If approved, the amount allowed shall be passed to the  
6 credit of the city, town or plantation making the claim,  
7 on said first day of March, by the state treasurer, in a  
8 book kept for the purpose, and shall draw interest on  
9 and after that date. And on said first day of March  
10 the treasurer shall issue to such city, town or planta-  
11 tion in his capacity of treasurer, his scrip for the  
12 amount found due to each, respectively, made payable  
13 to the order of the treasurer of such city, town or  
14 plantation, at the state treasurer's office, at the pleas-  
15 ure of the state, with annual interest.

SECT. 5. The provisions of this act shall apply to  
2 expenditures made before its passage, although no  
3 allotments have been made ; and to such expenditures  
4 as were made (in good faith) and without pauper dis-  
5 abilities by municipal officers without the sanction of a

6 vote of the town, and the time for filing the accounts  
7 for expenditures made under the sixth section of chap-  
8 ter sixty-three of the public laws of eighteen hundred  
9 and sixty-one shall be on or before the first day of  
10 April eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and the time  
11 for passing upon such accounts by the governor and  
12 council, on or before the first day of August eighteen  
13 hundred and sixty-two, so that the amount allowed in  
14 each case shall be credited and draw interest on and  
15 after the date last named. No pauper disabilities shall  
16 be created by reason of receiving the aid provided for  
17 in this act.

SECT. 6. The word plantation where it occurs in  
2 this act is intended to include plantations duly organ-  
3 ized for election purposes.

SECT. 7. Section sixth of chapter sixty-three of the  
2 public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-one is here-  
3 by repealed, and this act shall take effect from and  
4 after its approval by the governor.

## AMENDMENTS ADOPTED IN SENATE.

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### A.

Amend by adding to section seven the following :—  
2 And the secretary of state shall furnish an attested  
3 copy of this act to the clerks of the several cities,  
4 towns and plantations of this state, within thirty days  
5 from its approval by the governor.

### B.

Amend section five, by striking out the word "April"  
2 and inserting "June," and by striking out the word  
3 "June" and inserting "August," in said section.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, Feb. 21, 1862.

Bill "An act in aid of the families of volunteers," reported from the Committee on Militia and Military Affairs, being under consideration, it was amended as per sheets A and B. On motion of Mr. WOODS, the bill was tabled and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary.*