

## STATE OF MAINE SENATE 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

OF

(Filing No. S-331)

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 70, L.D. 94, Bill, "AN ACT to Increase the Exemption on Estates of Veterans."

Amend the Amendment by striking out everything after the first paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §653, sub-\$1, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:

<u>C-1</u>. The estates up to the just value of \$5,000 for the 1978 tax year, and \$6,000 for each tax year thereafter, having a taxable situs in the place of residence of veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during any federally recognized war period during or before World War I, when they shall have reached the age of 62 years or when they are receiving any form of pension or compensation from the United States Government for total disability, service-connected or non-service-connected, as a veteran during any federally recognized war period during or before World War I. The exemption provided in this paragraph shall apply to the property of such veteran including property held in joint tenancy with his or her spouse;

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶D-2 is enacted to read:

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D-2. The estates up to the just value of \$5,000 for the 1978 tax year, and \$6,000 for each tax year thereafter, having a taxable situs in the place of residence of the unremarried widow or minor child of any veteran who would be C-1, entitled to an exemption under paragraph / if living, or who is in receipt of a pension or compensation from the Federal Government as the widow or minor child of a veteran who served during any federally recognized war period during or before World War I. The estates up to the just value of \$5,000 for 1978 tax year, and \$6,000 for each tax year thereafter, having a taxable situs in the place of residence of the mother of a deceased veteran who is 62 years of age or older and is an unremarried widow, who is in receipt of a pension or compensation from the Federal Government based upon the service-connected death of her son during any federally recognized war period during or before World War I.

## Statement of Fact

This Amendment retains the veteran's exemption presently in the law, and provides that the exemption increase proposed in the committee amendment applies only to veterans or widows and minor children of those veterans, who served in a federally recognized war period during or before World War I.

Sponsor: County: Aroostook

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