

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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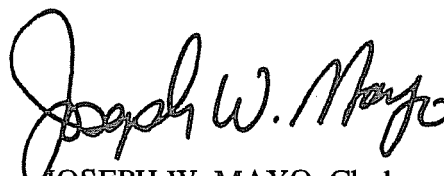
House of Representatives, March 25, 1993

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**An Act to Extend Burial Eligibility for Dependent Children.**

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Reference to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HEINO of Boothbay.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUTREMBLE of Biddeford, MICHAEL of Auburn, Senators:  
McCORMICK of Kennebec, O'DEA of Penobscot.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4       **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §504, sub-§4, ¶A-1**, as amended by PL 1989, c.  
502, Pt. D, §21, is further amended to read:

6       A-1. As used in this subsection, unless the context  
7 indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following  
8 meanings.

10       (1) "Eligible dependent" means the wife, husband,  
11 surviving spouse, unmarried ~~minor~~ dependent child  
12 enrolled in school or unmarried adult child who became  
13 incapable of self-support before reaching 18 years of  
14 age on account of mental or physical defects.

16       (2) "Eligible veteran" means any person who:

18           (a) Served on active duty in the United States  
19 Armed Forces during any federally recognized  
20 period of conflict, served on active duty in the  
21 United States Armed Forces at any time during the  
22 period December 22, 1961 to August 5, 1964 or was  
23 eligible for an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
24 or campaign medal, and who:

26                   (i) If discharged, received an honorable  
27 discharge or a general discharge under  
28 honorable conditions, provided that the  
29 discharge was not upgraded through a program  
30 of general amnesty; and

32                   (ii) Was a resident of the State at the time  
33 of entering military service, death or the  
34 death of an eligible dependent;

36           (b) Served in the Maine National Guard and died  
37 as a result of injury, disease or illness  
38 sustained while serving on state active duty as  
39 provided in chapter 3, subchapter III; or

40           (c) Served in the Armed Forces in the United  
41 States at any time and was killed or died as a  
42 result of hostile action and was a resident of the  
43 State at the time of entering military service, at  
44 the time of death or at the time of the death of  
45 an eligible dependent.

48       (3) "Federally recognized period of conflict" means  
49 World War I, April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918, March  
50 31, 1920, if service was in Russia; World War II,  
December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; Korean Conflict,

2 June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955; and the Vietnam War,  
August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975.

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6 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

8 This bill extends burial eligibility in the Veteran's  
Memorial Cemetery to unmarried dependent children of veterans.