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# FORTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 53.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT authorizing pensions for disabled soldiers and  
seamen.

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

SECTION 1. Any person who has served by enlist-  
2 ment in the army or navy of the United States, in the  
3 war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, on the quota  
4 of Maine, and who has been disabled by wounds or  
5 other injury received in said service in the line of duty,  
6 shall be entitled to a pension from the State of Maine,  
7 not exceeding eight dollars per month ; *provided that*  
8 such soldier or seaman is unable from his own resources  
9 and the United States pension to obtain a livelihood.

SECT. 2. The widow during her widowhood, orphan

2 children under twelve years of age, or the dependent  
3 mother or sister of any soldier or seaman deceased  
4 from wounds, disease or injury sustained in the service  
5 while in the line of duty, are entitled to the same pen-  
6 sion as is provided in section one, and under similar  
7 conditions ; *provided* that no more than eight dollars  
8 per month be paid to one family.

SECT. 3. Sections one and two of this act shall not  
2 be construed so as to include any soldier or seaman  
3 who was not a resident of this state at the time of en-  
4 tering the service, or who has not since become a res-  
5 ident thereof.

SECT. 4. The execution of this act shall devolve  
2 upon the governor or whomsoever he, with the consent  
3 and advice of the council, shall appoint, who shall  
4 regulate the proof required to entitle applicants to the  
5 benefits of this act, and issue certificates therefor.

SECT. 5. Upon the issue of said certificate, the  
2 treasurer of the city, town or plantation where the  
3 pensioner resides shall be notified thereof, and the said  
4 treasurer shall pay quarterly from the treasury of said  
5 city, town or plantation, to the pensioner, the amount  
6 specified and for the time specified in said certificate,  
7 take vouchers therefor, and the same shall be reim-  
8 bursed to the said treasurer from the treasury of the  
9 state on application.

SECT. 6. The necessary blanks shall be issued to the  
2 mayors of cities, selectmen of towns, and assessors of  
3 plantations, as the governor may direct, and the ex-  
4 penses incurred in printing and distribution shall be  
5 paid out of the treasury of the state.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect on the twenty-  
2 third day of February and continue in force one year.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 6, 1868. }

Reported from the Committee on Pensions, by Mr. BRICKETT  
of Augusta.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*