

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 12.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT authorizing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen.

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

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

SECT. 2. The widow during her widowhood, orphan 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
4 entering the service, or who has not since become a
5 resident thereof.

SECT. 4. The execution of this act shall devolve
2 upon the governor and council, who shall regulate the
3 proof required to entitle applicants to the benefit of
4 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
4 said treasurer shall pay quarterly, from the treasury
5 of said city, town or plantation, to the pensioner, the
6 amount specified and for the time specified in said cer-
7 tificate, take voucher therefor, and the same shall be
8 reimbursed to the said treasurer from the treasury of
9 the state.

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 from and after
2 the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and
3 seventy, and continue in force one year.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 26, 1871. }

Reported from the Committee on Pensions by Mr. GANNETT
of Bath, and printed under the Joint Rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*