

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 14.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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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 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  
2 children under twelve years of age, or dependent or-  
3 phan children under twenty-one years of age who  
4 have personal disability, or the dependent parent, or  
5 sister of any soldier or seaman, deceased, from  
6 wounds, disease or injury sustained in the service,  
7 while in the line of duty, are entitled to the same  
8 pension as is provided in section one, and under similar  
9 conditions ; *provided*, that no more than eight dollars  
10 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 resi-  
5 dent 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 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.

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

SECT. 7. No officer of any city or town shall be en-  
2 titled to any fees or compensation from the state for  
3 services performed under this act or in carrying into  
4 effect its provisions.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect from and after  
2 the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight  
3 hundred and seventy-three, and continue in force one  
4 year.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 29, 1874. }

Reported by Mr. YATES, from the Committee on Pensions, and  
ordered printed under Joint Rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*