

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 35.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to continue in force chapter ninety-eight of the
public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three,
providing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen.

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

SECTION 1. That the provisions of chapter ninety-
2 eight, public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-
3 three, are hereby continued in force for one year from
4 the thirty-first day of December, except as hereinafter
5 amended.

SECT. 2. Section two of the act of eighteen hun-
2 dred and seventy-one, hereby continued in force, is
3 amended, by inserting, after the word "age," in the
4 second line, the words 'or orphan minor children over
5 twelve years of age, who are partially or totally dis-

6 abled, by accident or chronic sickness,' and after the
7 word "dependent," 'parent,' so that the whole sec-
8 tion, as amended, shall read as follows :

9 *Sect. 2.* The widow, during her widowhood,
10 orphan children under twelve years of age, orphan
11 minor children, over twelve years of age, who are
12 partially or totally disabled by accident or chronic
13 sickness, or the dependent parent or sister of any
14 soldier or seaman, deceased from wounds or injury
15 sustained in the service while in the line of duty, are
16 entitled to the same pension as provided in section
17 one, and under similar conditions ; *provided*, that no
18 more than eight dollars per month be paid one
19 family.

SECT. 3. The commission created by chapter one
2 hundred and seventy-eight of the resolves of eighteen
3 hundred and sixty-seven, and continued in force by
4 successive resolves, is hereby abolished, and all the
5 records of said commission are transferred to the de-
6 partment of the adjutant general, and the board of
7 guardians of indigent orphans is required to turn over
8 to the state treasurer the unexpended funds in their
9 hands.

SECT. 4. No soldier who has served by enlistment
2 in the army or navy of the United States, in the war
3 of eighteen hundred and sixty one, and in consequence

4 of injury sustained in said service may become de-
5 pendent upon any city or town in this state, shall not
6 be considered a pauper, or subject to disfranchisement
7 for that cause.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 7, 1874. }

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

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*