

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty - Third Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 116.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to provide for the Burial Expenses of Hon-
orably Discharged Soldiers and Sailors of Maine,
who shall die in destitute circumstances.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever any person who served
2 in the army, navy or marine corps of the United
3 States during the rebellion and was honorably dis-
4 charged therefrom shall die, being at the time of
5 his death a resident of this State and being in des-
6 titute circumstances, the State shall pay the neces-
7 sary expenses of his burial. Such expenses shall
8 not exceed the sum of thirty-five dollars in any

9 case, and the burial shall be in some cemetery not
10 used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead.

SECT. 2. The municipal officers of cities and
2 towns in which such deceased had his residence at
3 the time of his death, shall pay the expenses of his
4 burial, and if he die in an unincorporated place,
5 the town charged with the support of paupers in
6 such unincorporated place shall pay the expenses
7 of his burial, and in either case upon satisfactory
8 proof by such town or city, to the Governor and
9 Council of the fact of such death and payment,
10 the Governor shall authorize the State Treasurer
11 to refund said town or city the amount so paid.
12 Said proof shall contain a certificate from the post
13 commander of the post of G. A. R. located near-
14 est the town or city which paid said burial expenses,
15 stating that such person was an honorably dis-
16 charged soldier or sailor and in destitute circum-
17 stances.

SECT. 3. The Legislature shall hereafter from
2 time to time appropriate the necessary sum of
3 money for the purpose of carrying out the provi-
4 sions of this act.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when ap-
2 proved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 15, 1887. }

Reported in the Senate from Committee on Military Affairs, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, sent to the House, and pending first reading, ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Clerk.