

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fourth Legislature

HOUSE.

No. 257.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section eight of chapter twenty-four of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapters nine and one hundred and forty-six of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to dependent soldiers and sailors.

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

SECTION 1. Section eight of chapter twenty-four
2 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter two
3 hundred and sixty-nine of the Public Laws of
4 eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and chapters
5 nine and one hundred and forty-six of the Public
6 Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, is
7 hereby further amended by inserting after the word

8 "soldier" in the first line thereof, the words 'or
9 sailor,' and by inserting in the sixth line thereof,
10 after the word "soldier" the words 'or sailor,' and
11 by adding after the word "settlement" in the seventh
12 line thereof, the following words 'and overseers of
13 the poor shall not have authority to remove to, or
14 support in the poor-house any such dependent
15 soldier or sailor; but the town of his settlement
16 shall support him at his own home in the town of
17 his settlement or residence, or in such suitable
18 place other than the poor-house, as the overseers
19 of the poor of the town of his settlement may
20 deem right and proper. This section shall not be
21 so construed as to deprive overseers of the poor of
22 any rights to remove and support such dependent
23 soldier or sailor and his family in the town of his
24 settlement as herein provided'; so that said section,
25 as amended, shall read as follows:

'SECT. 8. No soldier or sailor who served by
27 enlistment in the army or navy of the United States
28 in the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and
29 who has received an honorable discharge from said
30 service, and who has or may become dependent
31 upon any town, shall be considered a pauper or be
32 subject to disfranchisement for that cause; but the
33 time during which said soldier or sailor is so depen-

34 dent, shall not be included in the period of residence
35 necessary to change his settlement; and overseers
36 of the poor shall not have authority to remove to,
37 or support in the poor-house, any such dependent
38 soldier or sailor; but the town of his settlement
39 shall support him at his own home in the town of
40 his settlement or residence, or in such suitable place
41 other than the poor-house, as the overseers of the
42 poor of the town of his settlement may deem right
43 and proper. This section shall not be so construed
44 as to deprive overseers of the poor of any rights to
45 remove and support such dependent soldier or
46 sailor and his family in the town of his settlement
47 as herein provided.

SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 26, 1889. }

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