

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 357.

STATE OF MAINE,

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

AN ACT to amend section eight of chapter twenty-four of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter sixty of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, relating to paupers, their settlement and support.

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

Section 1. Section eight, chapter twenty-four of the
2 Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter sixty of the Public
3 Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, is hereby
4 amended by striking out the words "their families," in the
5 eleventh line of said section as amended, and inserting in
6 lieu thereof the words 'his family' and by adding after the

7 word "family" so inserted, the following: 'The word fam-
8 ily here used shall be held to include the soldier or sailor, his
9 wife, his unmarried minor children living with him and
10 dependent upon him for support, and such other unmarried
11 children of his dependent upon him for support who by rea-
12 son of mental incapacity or physical disability are unable to
13 provide for themselves.' And in the fifteenth line of said sec-
14 tion as amended after the word "proper" insert the follow-
15 ing: 'In case of the violation of this act, the overseers of the
16 poor shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars, and for
17 every day they allow them to remain in such poor house,
18 after reasonable notice, they shall be subject to a further
19 fine of five dollars per day, to be recovered by complaint or
20 indictment,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as
21 follows:

'Section 8. No soldier or sailor who served by enlistment
23 in the army or navy of the United States, in the war of
24 eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and who has received an
25 honorable discharge from said service, and who has or may
26 become dependent upon any town, shall be considered a
27 pauper, or be subject to disfranchisement for that cause; but
28 the time during which said soldier or sailor is so dependent,
29 shall not be included in the period of residence necessary
30 to change his settlement; and overseers of the poor shall
31 not have authority to remove to, or support in, the poor
32 house, any such dependent soldier or sailor or his family;
33 the word "family" here used shall be held to include the sol-
34 dier or sailor, his wife, his unmarried minor children living
35 with him and dependent upon him for support, and such
36 other unmarried children of his dependent upon him for
37 support who by reason of mental incapacity or physical dis-

38 ability are unable to provide for themselves; but the town of
39 his settlement shall support them at his own home in the
40 town of his settlement or residence, or in such suitable place
41 other than the poor house, as the overseers of the town of
42 his settlement may deem right and proper. In case of a
43 violation of this act the overseers of the poor shall be subject
44 to a fine of twenty-five dollars. And for every day they
45 allow them to remain in such poor house, after reasonable
46 notice, they shall be subject to a further fine of five dollars
47 per day, to be recovered by complaint or indictment. This
48 section shall not be so construed as to deprive overseers
49 of the poor of any right to remove and support such depend-
50 ent soldier or sailor and his family in the town of his settle-
51 ment as herein provided.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 22, 1897.

Reported by Mr. SMITH of Presque Isle, from Committee on
Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk*