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## Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 287.

### STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter 33, section 1, of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the Burial of Soldiers.

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

Section 2 of chapter 33 of the Public Laws of 1887 is hereby

- 2 amended by inserting in the ninth line of said section after
- 3 the word "paid" the following: 'Provided however, that the
- 4 person whose burial expenses are paid in accordance with the
- 5 provisions of this act shall not be constituted a pauper thereby.'
- 6 So that said section as amended shall read as follows:
- 'Sect. 2. The municipal officers of cities and towns in
- 8 which such deceased had his residence at the time of his
- 9 death, shall pay the expenses of his burial, and if he die in

10 an unincorporated place, the town charged with the support 11 of paupers in such unincorporated place, shall pay the 12 expenses of his burial, and in either case upon satisfactory 13 proof by such town or city to the governor and council of the 14 fact of such death and payment, the governor shall author-15 ize the State treasurer to refund said town or city the amount 16 so paid, provided, however, that the person whose burial 17 expenses are paid in accordance with the provisions of this 18 act shall not be constituted a pauper thereby; said proof 19 shall contain a certificate from the post commander of the 20 post of the Grand Army of the Republic, located nearest the 21 town or city which paid said burial expenses, stating that 22 such person was an honorably discharged soldier or sailor 23 and in destitute circumstances.'

#### STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives, Augusta, March 8, 1899.

Reported by Mr. CHASE of Portland, from Committee on Legal Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.