

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 340

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section 8, chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 326 of the laws of 1897 relating to Soldiers.

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

Section eight of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, as
2 amended by chapter 326 of the Public Laws of 1897, is
3 hereby amended by inserting after the word "sixty-one" in
4 the third line of said section as amended, the following
5 words: 'or in the war of eighteen hundred and ninety-
6 eight;' so that said section when amended shall read as
7 follows:

'Sect. 8. No soldier or sailor who served by enlistment in
9 the army or navy of the United States, in the war of eighteen

10 hundred and sixty-one, or in the war of eighteen hundred
11 and ninety-eight, and who has received an honorable dis-
12 charge from said service, and who has or may become
13 dependent upon any town, shall be considered a pauper, or
14 be subject to disfranchisement for that cause; but the time
15 during which said soldier or sailor is so dependent, shall not
16 be included in the period of residence necessary to change
17 his settlement; and overseers of the poor shall not have
18 authority to remove to, or support in, the poor house, any
19 such dependent soldier or sailor or his family; the word
20 "family" here used shall be held to include the soldier or
21 sailor, his wife, his unmarried minor children living with
22 him and dependent upon him for support, and such other
23 unmarried children of his dependent upon him for support,
24 who by reason of mental incapacity or physical disability
25 are unable to provide for themselves; but the town of his
26 settlement shall support them at his own home in the town
27 of his settlement or residence, or in such suitable place other
28 than the poor house, as the overseers of the town of his settle-
29 ment may deem right and proper. In case of a violation of
30 this act the overseers of the poor shall be subject to a fine
31 of twenty-five dollars. And for every day they allow them
32 to remain in such poor house, after reasonable notice, they
33 shall be subject to a further fine of five dollars per day, to
34 be recovered by complaint or indictment. This section shall
35 not be so construed as to deprive overseers of the poor of
36 any right to remove and support such dependent soldier or
37 sailor and his family in the town of his settlement as herein
38 provided.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 14, 1899.

Tabled pending reference to Committee by Mr. BIRD of Rockland
and ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*