

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventieth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 107

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section 8 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 269 of the Public Laws of 1885, as amended by chapters 9 and 146 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 256 of the Public Laws of 1889, as amended by chapter 60 of the Public Laws of 1891, as amended by chapter 326 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to dependent soldiers and sailors and their families.

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

Section eight of chapter twenty-four of the Revised 2 Statutes as amended by chapter two hundred and sixty-3 nine of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-4 five, as amended by chapters nine and one hundred and

5 forty-six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and
6 eighty-seven, as amended by chapter two hundred and
7 fifty-six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and
8 eighty-nine, as amended by chapter sixty of the Public
9 Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, as amended by
10 chapter three hundred and twenty-six of the Public Laws
11 of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, is hereby further
12 amended by inserting after the word “from” in fourth line
13 of said section as amended the words ‘all enlistments in,’
14 also by inserting after the word “service” in the fourth
15 line of said section as amended the words, ‘whether in his
16 own proper name or an assumed name,’ so that said sec-
17 tion, as amended, shall read as follows :

‘Sect. 8. No soldier or sailor who served by enlistment
19 in the army or navy of the United States, in the war of
20 eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and who has received an
21 honorable discharge from all enlistments in said service,
22 whether in his own proper name or an assumed name, and
23 who has or may become dependent upon any town, shall
24 be considered a pauper, or be subject to disfranchisement
25 for that cause ; but the time during which said soldier or
26 sailor is so dependent, shall not be included in the period
27 of residence necessary to change his settlement ; and over-
28 seers of the poor shall not have authority to remove to,
29 or support in, the poor house, any such dependent soldier
30 or sailor or his family ; the word “family” here used shall
31 be held to include the soldier or sailor, his wife, his un-

32 married minor children living with him and dependent
33 upon him for support, and such other unmarried children
34 of his dependent upon him for support, who by reason of
35 mental incapacity or physical disability are unable to pro-
36 vide for themselves ; but the town of his settlement shall
37 support them at his own home in the town of his settle-
38 ment or residence, or in such suitable place other than the
39 poor house, as the overseers of the town of his settlement
40 may deem right and proper. In case of a violation of
41 this act the overseers of the poor shall be subject to a fine
42 of twenty-five dollars. And for every day they allow
43 them to remain in such poor house, after reasonable notice,
44 they shall be subject to a further fine of five dollars per
45 day, to be recovered by complaint or indictment. This
46 section shall not be so construed as to deprive overseers of
47 the poor of any right to remove and support such depen-
48 dent soldier or sailor and his family in the town of his
49 settlement as herein provided.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 7, 1901.

Reported by Mr. PLUMMER from Committee on Legal Affairs, and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.