

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 507

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter thirty-three of the Public Laws of
eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter thirty-three of the Public
Laws of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven is here-
by amended by inserting before the word "such" in the sixth
line of said section the following:

'Or whenever the widow of any person who served in the
army, navy or marine corps of the United States during the
rebellion, and was honorably discharged therefrom, shall die,
being at the time of her death a resident of this state and
being in destitute circumstances and having no kindred living

10 within this state and of sufficient ability legally liable for her
11 support, the state shall pay the necessary expenses of her
12 burial;’ so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 1. Whenever any person who served in the army,
14 navy or marine corps of the United States during the rebellion
15 and was honorably discharged therefrom shall die, being at
16 the time of his death a resident of this state and being in desti-
17 tute circumstances the state shall pay the necessary expenses
18 of his burial; or whenever the widow of any person who
19 served in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States
20 during the rebellion, and was honorably discharged therefrom
21 shall die, being at the time of her death a resident of this state
22 and being in destitute circumstances and having no kindred
23 living within this state and of sufficient ability legally liable
24 for her support, the state shall pay the necessary expenses of
25 her burial; such expenses shall not exceed the sum of thirty-
26 five dollars in any case, and the burial shall be in some ceme-
27 tery not used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead.’

Sect. 2. Section two of chapter thirty-three of the Public
2 Laws of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven is hereby
3 amended by adding at the end of said section the following:

‘Or the widow of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor
5 and in destitute circumstances, and having no kindred of suf-
6 ficient ability, resident in this state legally liable for her burial
7 expenses.’ So that said section as amended shall read as
8 follows:

‘Sect. 2. The municipal officers of cities and towns in
10 which such deceased had his residence at the time of his death,
12 rated place, the town charged with the support of paupers in

13 such unincorporated place, shall pay the expenses of his
14 burial, and in either case upon satisfactory proof by such
15 town or city to the governor and council of the fact of such
16 death and payment, the governor shall authorize the state
17 treasurer to refund said town or city the amount so paid, said
18 proof shall contain a certificate from the post commander of
19 the post of the Grand Army of the Republic, located nearest
20 the town or city which paid said burial expenses, stating that
21 such person was an honorably discharged soldier or sailor and
22 in destitute circumstances; or the widow of an honorably dis-
23 charged soldier or sailor and in destitute circumstances and
24 having no kindred of sufficient ability, resident in this state
25 legally liable for her burial expenses.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 20, 1903.

Reported by Mr. MAYBURY of Saco, from Committee on Military
Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk*