

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 482

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend sections 51 and 52 of chapter four of the Revised Statutes relating to the payment by the state of the burial expenses of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors.

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*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. Section fifty-one of chapter four of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the second line thereof after the word "who" the word 'has,' and striking out in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "during the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one or during the war with Spain, or during the war with Mexico" and by striking out in the eighth and ninth lines thereof the

8 words "during the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one  
9 or during the war with Spain, or during the war with  
10 Mexico," so that said section as amended shall read as fol-  
11 lows:

'Sect. 51. Whenever any person who has served in the  
2 army, navy or marine corps of the United States and was  
3 honorably discharged therefrom, shall die, being at the time  
4 of his death a resident of this state and in destitute circum-  
5 stances, the state shall pay the necessary expenses of his  
6 burial; or whenever the widow of any person who served  
7 in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States and  
8 was honorably discharged therefrom shall die, being at the  
9 time of her death a resident of this state and being in desti-  
10 tute circumstances and having no kindred living within this  
11 state and of sufficient ability legally liable for her support,  
12 the state shall pay the necessary expenses of her burial; such  
13 expenses shall not exceed the sum of thirty-five dollars in  
14 any case, and the burial shall be in some cemetery not used  
15 exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead.'

Sect. 2. Section fifty-two of chapter four of the Revised  
2 Statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the eleventh  
3 line thereof the words "a certificate" and substituting there-  
4 for the word 'certificates,' and inserting after the word "the"  
5 the following words, 'adjutant general of the state and the,'  
6 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 52. The municipal officers of the city or town in  
2 which such deceased resided at the time of his death, shall

3 pay the expenses of his burial, and if he die in an unin-  
4 corporated place, the town charged with the support of  
5 paupers in such unincorporated place, shall pay such ex-  
6 penses, and in either case upon satisfactory proof by such  
7 town or city to the governor and council of the fact of such  
8 death and payment, the governor shall authorize the treas-  
9 urer of state to refund said town or city the amount so  
10 paid, provided, however, that the person whose burial ex-  
11 penses are paid in accordance with the provisions of this  
12 section and the preceding section shall not be constituted  
13 a pauper thereby; said proof shall contain certificates from  
14 the adjutant general of the state and the post commander  
15 of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic, located  
16 nearest the town or city which paid said burial expenses,  
17 stating that such person was an honorably discharged soldier  
18 or sailor and in destitute circumstances, or the widow of an  
19 honorably discharged soldier or sailor and in destitute cir-  
20 cumstances, and having no kindred of sufficient ability, resi-  
21 dent in this state legally liable for her burial expenses.'