

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 615

House of Representatives, March 20, 1917.

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stearns of Hiram.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section 9 of Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, entitled soldiers and sailors not to be considered paupers.

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

Section 9 of Chapter 29 of the revised statutes of Maine, be
2 amended by inserting in the fifth line of said section between
3 the words "name" and the following sentence: 'and no pen-
4 sioner of the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps,
5 who is a bona fide resident of the State of Maine and en-
6 listed therefrom, who has been honorably discharged from
7 the service of the United States for disability contracted

8 while in the line of duty, and been duly pensioned therefor'
9 so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

'Sect. 9. No soldier or sailor who served by enlistment in
2 the army or navy of the United States, in the war of eighteen
3 hundred and sixty-one, or in the war with Spain, and who
4 has received an honorable discharge from all enlistment in
5 said service, whether in his own proper name or an assumed
6 name and no pensioner of the United States Army, Navy or
7 Marine Corps, who is a bona fide resident of the State of
8 Maine and enlisted therefrom, who has been honorably dis-
9 charged from the service of the United States for disability
10 contracted while in the line of duty, and been duly pensioned
11 therefor, and who has or may become dependent upon any
12 town, shall be considered a pauper, or be subject to disfran-
13 chisement for that cause ; but the time during which said sol-
14 dier or sailor is so dependent, shall not be included in the
15 period of residence necessary to change his settlement ; and
16 overseers of the poor shall not have authority to remove to,
17 or support in, the poorhouse, any such dependent soldier or
18 sailor or his family the word "family" here used shall be held
19 to include the soldier or sailor, his wife, his unmarried minor
20 children living with him and dependent upon him for sup-
21 port, and such other unmarried children of his dependent
22 upon him for support who by reason of mental incapacity or
23 physical disability are unable to provide for themselves ; but
24 the town of his settlement shall support them at his own
25 home in the town of his settlement or residence, or in such

26 suitable place other than the poorhouse, as the oversers of
27 the town of his settlement may deem right and proper. In
28 case of a violation of this section the overseers of the poor
29 shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars. And for
30 every day they allow them to remain in such poorhouse,
31 after reasonable notice, they shall be subject to a further fine
32 of five dollars a day, to be recovered by complaint or indict-
33 ment. This section shall not be so construed as to deprive
34 overseers of the poor of any right to remove and support
35 such dependent soldier or sailor and his family in the town
36 of his settlement as herein provided.'