

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 199

House of Representatives, February 28, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Newcombe from Committee on Claims and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

RESOLVE, in Favor of Helen Vaun Bangs.

Whereas, the granting of a pension to Helen Vaun Bangs is an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, therefore

Resolved: That there be paid to Helen Vaun Bangs of 2 Gray, out of the fund appropriated for military pensions, 3 the sum of two hundred dollars.

In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act 2 shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Helen Vaun Bangs of Gray, Cumberland county, Maine, and formerly of Norway, Oxford county, born July 13, 1894, was graduated at Battle Creek, Michigan, in August 1918, from Dr. Kellogg's School for Physical Education from her course in Physical Therapy, a finished massagist under the title of Physical Director. She reported for duty at U. S. General Hospital No. 3, Colonia, N. J., November 1, 1918, as Reconstruction Aid, Medical Department, U. S. Army, and supposed she was in the Army service. She served until she was granted honorable discharge August 15, 1919, at U. S. General Hospital No. 3, Colonia, N. J., her residence at that time being 419 Cumberland Ave., Portland, Maine. She received appointment from the War Department office of the Surgeon General under date of October 15, 1918, took the oath of office October 29, 1918, as is shown by the files of the S. G. O.; and in the files of the S. G. O. underfile No. 201 will be found her letter of discharge from the Medical Department, U. S. Army, over the signature of Edwin P. Wolfe, Medical Corps, U. S. A.

Because of the nature of her work while in the service her back was strained and this condition being aggravated by a subsequent attack of influenza, it developed into Bright's disease, chronic Parenchymatous Nephritis. Following her discharge from the service, she was confined for about a month in St. Barnabas Hospital, Portland, Maine. She has been under the treatment of E. W. Gehring, M. D., of Portland, who states "She was and still is suffering from chronic Parenchymatous Nephritis, which treatment has not materially benefited." The physicians now attending her state that the chances of her recovery are now very slight. She has no means of support nor kin who are financially able to do for her as her condition requires or as their interest and affection would direct. She wishes to enter a hospital for treatment, but she has no funds; and this resolve is to secure for her, hospital treatment, until the federal government can act in her behalf. The government has ruled that she was a civil employee and not within the provisions of the War Risk Insurance Act of October 6, 1917. Immediate relief could only be available upon special pension at the hands of Congress, or from her native state.