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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 217

House of Representatives, March 3, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Military Affairs and 1500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Rounds of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Create the National Guard Pay Fund.

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

Section 1. In accordance with chapter one hundred and
2 one of the resolves of the State of Maine for nineteen hun3 dred and seventeen there shall be paid to each person who
4 enlisted or was enlisted in the National Guard of the State
5 of Maine from April seven, nineteen hundred and seven6 teen, to November eleven, nineteen hundred and eighteen,
7 and who was mustered into the service of the United States
8 on the quota of the State of Maine, the sum of one dollar
9 for each day he was in the service of the United States
10 during the existence of the war or during the existence of
11 a state of war.

Sect. 2. Applications for such pay shall be filed with the 2 adjutant general in forms provided by him within six months 3 from the date this act goes into effect. Such application 4 shall state facts sufficient to establish the status of the applicant and shall be duly verified.

Sect. 3. There is hereby created a board to be known as 2 the "National Guard Pay Board" to consist of the state 3 auditor, the state treasurer and the adjutant general. 4 shall be the duty of said board to examine such applications 5 and make any other examination necessary to establish the 6 facts and approve or disapprove the same. Whenever any 7 such application is approved by said board it shall be the 8 duty of the adjutant general to prepare a voucher and cranso mit the same to the state auditor, said auditor shall issue 10 a warrant for the amount stated therein and the state treas-11 urer shall pay such warrant out of the "National Guard 12 Pay Fund." Payments to soldiers shall be in three equal 13 payments for years nineteen hundred and twenty-two, nine-14 teen hundred and twenty-three and nineteen hundred and 15 twenty-four, except when the total pay shall be less than 16 thirty dollars, in which case it shall all be paid in nineteen 17 hundred and twenty-two.

Sect. 4. "The National Guard Pay Fund" shall be created 2 by a poll tax of five dollars for nineteen hundred and twenty-3 two, four dollars for nineteen hundred and twenty-three, 4 three dollars for nineteen hundred and twenty-four, to be 5 collected by the cities, towns or plantations and paid to 6 the state for each of the years nineteen hundred and twenty-

7 two, nineteen hundred and twenty-three and nineteen hun-8 dred and twenty-four. Any unexpended balance at the end 9 of nineteen hundred and twenty-four shall go into the con-10 tingent fund. Said poll tax shall be assessed on all inhabit-11 ants of this state above the age of twenty-one years; with 12 exemptions as now provided by the revised statutes and 13 amendments thereto.