

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 3

In Senate, Jan. 11, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Military Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Garcelon of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Nine of Chapter Twenty-nine of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred Two of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seventeen, Prohibiting the Treatment of Army and Navy Veterans as Paupers.

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

Section nine of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes
2 as amended by chapter two hundred two of the public laws
3 of nineteen hundred seventeen, is hereby further amended
4 by striking out in the third line thereof the words "or in
5 the war with Spain," and inserting in place thereof the fol-
6 lowing: 'in the war with Spain, or in the World War', so

7 that said section as amended shall read as follows:

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

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