

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**SENATE**

**NO. 32**

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In Senate, February 7, 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.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT to Amend Sections Two and Three of Chapter Two Hundred Sixty-four of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Nineteen, Extending the Provisions for Applicants for the Soldiers' Bonus.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter two hundred sixty-four 2 of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen is hereby 3 amended by inserting after the word "service" in the eighth 4 line thereof the following: 'or who, if still in such service 5 at the time of application for said bonus, may be given a 6 certificate of good standing'; so that said section, as amend- 7 ed, shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 2. The word “soldier” as used in this act shall  
2 mean any officer, soldier, sailor, marine, nurse, or any other  
3 person regularly enlisted, who has been or is a part of the  
4 military or naval forces of the United States in the war  
5 with Germany and who was a resident of the State of  
6 Maine at the time he was commissioned, enlisted, inducted,  
7 appointed or mustered into the military or naval service of  
8 the United States, and who has been or may be given an  
9 honorable or ordinary discharge or release from such serv-  
10 ice, or who, if still in such service at the time of applica-  
11 tion for said bonus, may be given a certificate of good  
12 standing; provided, however, that the word “soldier,” as  
13 used in this act, shall not be construed to mean, and shall  
14 not include any person who, at any time during the period  
15 of the war with Germany, sought to avoid service because  
16 of conscientious objections thereto, or because of alienage,  
17 or who has been at any time guilty of fraud or wilful viola-  
18 tion or evasion of the Selective Service Act or of the rules  
19 or regulations of the War Department in force thereunder.’

Sect. 2. Section three of said chapter is hereby amended  
2 by striking out after the words “on forms provided by  
3 him” in the second line thereof, the rest of the sentence, and  
4 adding in place thereof the following: ‘before the first day  
5 of January, nineteen hundred twenty-two’; so that said sec-  
6 tion, as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 3. Applications for such bonus shall be filed with  
2 the adjutant general, on forms provided by him, before

3 the first day of January, nineteen hundred twenty-two.  
4 Such application shall state facts sufficient to establish the  
5 status of such applicant as soldier as defined herein, and  
6 shall be duly verified.'