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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 150

In Senate, March 22, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Garcelon from Committee on Military Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

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 World War 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 so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 9. No soldier, sailor or marine who served in the 2 army, navy or marine corps of the United States, in the

3 war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, in the war with
4 Spain or in the World war, and who has received an honor-
5 able discharge from said service, and who has or may be-
6 come dependent upon any town, shall be considered a pau-
7 per, or be subject to disfranchisement for that cause; but
8 the time during which said soldier, sailor or marine is so
9 dependent, shall not be included in the period of residence
10 necessary to change his settlement; and overseers of the
11 poor shall not have authority to remove to, or support in,
12 the poorhouse any such dependent soldier, sailor or marine,
13 or his family. The word "family" here used shall be held
14 to include the soldier, sailor or marine, his wife, his un-
15 married minor children living with him and dependent upon
16 him for support, and such other unmarried children of his
17 dependent upon him for support who by reason of mental
18 incapacity or physical disability are unable to provide for
19 themselves; but the town of his settlement shall support
20 them at his own home in the town of his settlement or resi-
21 dence, or in such suitable place other than the poorhouse
22 as the overseers of the town of his settlement may deem
23 right and proper. In case of violation of this section the
24 overseers of the poor shall be subject to a fine of twenty-
25 five dollars. And for every day they allow them to remain
26 in such poorhouse, after reasonable notice, they shall be
27 subject to a further fine of five dollars a day, to be recov-
28 ered by complaint or indictment. This section shall not be
29 so construed as to deprive overseers of the poor of any right

30 to remove and support such dependent soldier, sailor or
31 marine and his family in the town of his settlement as herein
32 provided.'