

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**SENATE**

**NO. 220**

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In Senate, April 5, 1921.

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

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

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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 One and Five of Chapter One  
Hundred Sixty-nine of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hun-  
dred Nineteen, Relating to the Support of Dependents of  
Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter one hundred sixty-nine  
2 of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen is hereby  
3 amended so that said section, as amended, shall read as fol-  
4 lows:

‘Section 1. The cities, towns and plantations in this state  
2 shall raise money by taxation or otherwise to be applied to re-  
3 lieve the necessitous circumstances of the wife, children un-  
4 der the age of sixteen years, the infirm and dependent father,

5 mother or other member of the family incapable of self-  
6 maintenance, of any soldier, sailor or marine who served in  
7 the World War; provided, that on April first, nineteen hun-  
8 dred seventeen, such soldier, sailor or marine was a resi-  
9 dent of this state. The money so raised shall be paid direct-  
10 ly to the dependents entitled thereto under the provisions  
11 of this act, or to the parent or legal guardian of any such  
12 dependents who are minors or under guardianship, by the  
13 municipal officers of the cities, towns and plantations where-  
14 in such dependents respectively reside, in sums not exceed-  
15 ing four dollars a week to relieve the necessitous circum-  
16 stances of the wife, infirm and dependent father or mother  
17 of such soldier, sailor or marine, and a sum not exceeding  
18 one dollar and fifty cents a week to relieve the necessitous  
19 circumstances of each child under the age of sixteen years  
20 or other member of the family incapable of self-mainte-  
21 nance, who is dependent upon such soldier, sailor or marine;  
22 provided, however, that the sum so paid shall not in any  
23 case exceed ten dollars a week for all persons entitled there-  
24 to under the provisions of this act by reason of their re-  
25 lationship and dependency upon one soldier, sailor or ma-  
26 rine, and such money in the same amounts shall be furnished  
27 to relieve the necessitous circumstances of any of the afore-  
28 said relatives of any such soldier, sailor or marine killed in  
29 battle, or dying or becoming disabled as a result of the cas-  
30 ualties of war or of sickness contracted in the line of his  
31 duty, and not of his own fault. The money authorized to  
32 be raised under this act shall be available only to inhabi-

33 tants of the aforesaid cities, towns and plantations of the  
34 State of Maine on the said first day of April, nineteen hun-  
35 dred and seventeen, but any persons entitled to receive aid  
36 hereinunder shall not forfeit the same by reason of tem-  
37 porary absence from the state. All officials charged with  
38 duties under this act shall, in determining the question of  
39 dependency and necessitous circumstances, duly consider  
40 federal insurance and federal compensation in lieu of in-  
41 surance, federal allotment and federal allowance and any  
42 and all other provisions made by either state or federal gov-  
43 ernment or any divisions or departments thereof for the  
44 same or similar purposes contemplated by this act.'

Sect. 2. Section five of said chapter one hundred sixty-  
2 nine is hereby amended so that said section, as amended,  
3 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 5. Such accounts shall be made up to the first days  
2 of July and January in each year, and shall be filed with the  
3 governor and council on or before the first days of August  
4 and February following and shall be examined and passed  
5 upon within a reasonable time after the date of such filing.  
6 If approved, the amounts allowed shall be paid, upon war-  
7 rants drawn by the governor and council against any money  
8 in the treasury appropriated for that purpose, by the state  
9 treasurer to the city, town or plantation whose claim has  
10 been thus established.'