

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

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In Senate, March 27, 1929.

Reported by Senator Weeks of Somerset from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Weeks of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for Relief of Needy Dependents of
Disabled Veterans of the World War.

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

Section 1. A commission of five persons, consisting of
2 the adjutant general of the state, the messenger to the gov-
3 ernor and council, the secretary of the department of pub-
4 lic welfare, and two other citizens of the state, shall be
5 appointed by the governor, who shall serve during his pleas-
6 ure and without compensation and who shall consider and
7 pass on all applications for relief under the provisions of
8 this act.

Sect. 2. The wife, children under the age of sixteen
2 years, the infirm and dependent father or mother, incapable
3 of self-maintenance, of any soldier, sailor or marine of
4 the armed forces of the United States on active duty during
5 the World war, killed in battle or dead, or who is disabled,
6 and in necessitous circumstances, provided that on April
7 first, nineteen hundred nineteen, such soldier, sailor or
8 marine, if living, was a resident of the state, shall be eligible
9 for relief to such amount as hereinafter provided. Any
10 person entitled to receive relief hereunder shall not forfeit
11 the same by reason of temporary absence from the state.

Sect. 3. Such relief shall be granted in sums not exceed-
2 ing seven dollars a week, to relieve the necessitous circum-
3 stances, if such exist, of the wife, infirm and dependent
4 father or mother of such soldier, sailor or marine and in
5 sums not exceeding three dollars a week to relieve the ne-
6 cessitous circumstances of each child under the age of six-
7 teen years, incapable of self-maintenance, who was or is
8 dependent upon such soldier, sailor or marine.

Sect. 4. Relief granted under the provisions of this act
2 shall be paid monthly by the treasurer of state upon war-
3 rants drawn by the governor and council.

Sect. 5. Such relief may, in the discretion of the com-
2 mission, be paid to any other persons whom they may des-
3 ignate for the benefit of such dependents.

Sect. 6. No pauper disabilities shall be created by reason
2 of receiving the relief provided in this act.

Sect. 7. Applications for relief shall be made in any form
2 designated by the commission.

Sect. 8. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions
2 of this act, there is hereby appropriated the sum of fifty
3 thousand dollars annually, for each of the fiscal years, nine-
4 teen hundred and twenty-nine and nineteen hundred and
5 thirty, and nineteen hundred and thirty and nineteen hun-
6 dred and thirty-one.

Sect. 9. Whoever knowingly makes a false statement,
2 oral or written, relating to a material fact in support of
3 claim to war allowance or state aid under the provisions
4 of this act, shall be punished by a fine of not more than
5 five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than
6 one year. Whoever, being entitled to the benefits of this
7 act, fraudulently claims or receives pay for a period of time
8 following a termination of his right to receive the same,
9 shall be punished by fine of not more than five hundred
10 dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than one year,
11 or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sect. 10. Chapter one hundred and sixty-nine of the pub-
2 lic laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen; chapter one hun-
3 dred and eighty-three of the public laws of nineteen hun-
4 dred and twenty-one; chapter one hundred and thirteen of
5 the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three and
6 chapter one hundred and seventy-nine of the public laws
7 of nineteen hundred and twenty-five are hereby repealed.