

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 614

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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

New Draft of S. P. 365, L. D. 374.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to the Support of Dependents of Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of the World War.

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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 fifty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section one and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Section 1. The department of public welfare shall consider and pass on all applications for relief under the provisions of this chapter. Through its commissioner it shall establish a separate division to administer the relief provided and make such rules and orders for the regulation of the proceedings of said division as it may deem necessary. It shall utilize its agents and field workers for visitorial duties.'

Sec. 2. Section two of chapter one hundred fifty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 2. The wife, children under the age of sixteen years, the infirm and dependent father or mother, incapable of self maintenance, of any soldier, sailor or marine of the armed forces of the United States on active duty during the World War before November 11, 1918, killed in battle or dead, or who is disabled, and in necessitous circumstances, and who

was honorably discharged, provided that on April first, nineteen hundred and nineteen, such soldier, sailor or marine, if living, was a resident of the state, shall be eligible for relief to such amount as hereinafter provided. Any person entitled to receive relief hereunder shall not forfeit the same by reason of temporary absence from the state.'

Sec. 3. Section three of chapter one hundred fifty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 3. Such relief shall be granted in sums not exceeding seven dollars a week, to relieve the necessitous circumstances, if such exist, of the wife, the infirm and dependent father or mother of such soldier, sailor or marine, and in sums not exceeding three dollars a week to relieve the necessitous circumstances of each child under the age of sixteen years, incapable of self maintenance, who was or is dependent on such soldier, sailor or marine, provided, that the department, in determining amount to be paid, shall give consideration to allowances received by said dependent from the federal government. In the administration of this act, the department shall endeavor to give preference to the applications of dependents of veterans deceased from or suffering with disabilities of service origin, or that the department might presume to be of service origin.'

Sec. 4. Section five of chapter one hundred fifty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 5. Such relief may, in the discretion of the department, be paid to any other persons whom it may designate for the benefit of such dependents.'

Sec. 5. Section seven of chapter one hundred fifty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 7. Application for relief shall be made in any form designated by the department.'

Sec. 6. A new section to chapter one hundred fifty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby added to be known as section nine, and it shall read as follows:

'Sec. 9. For the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act, there is hereby appropriated the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, annually, for each of the fiscal years nineteen hundred and thirty-one and thirty-two, and nineteen hundred and thirty-two and thirty-three, which sums shall be in lieu of any other funds provided by law for the relief of veterans and their dependents.'