

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 26**

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S. P. 42

In Senate, Jan. 12, 1933.

Referred to Committee on Labor and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Holmes of Androscoggin.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to the Pauperizing of Unemployed Wage  
Earners.

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

**Wage earners not to be pauperized.** Section 8 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the 4th line of said section after the word "service" the following words: 'and no wage earner who is usually employed, but who is unemployed temporarily without his fault and because of industrial conditions over which he has no control,'; and by deleting in the 6th, 9th, 11th and 23rd lines, before the word "marine", the word "or"; and by inserting in the said 6th, 9th, 11th and 23rd lines, after the word "marine", the words: 'or wage earner,'; so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 8. **Soldiers, sailors, and marines in the war of 1861, the war with Spain, and World War, who received honorable discharge, and certain unemployed wage earners, not to be considered paupers; families to be supported in place other than poorhouse; penalty.** No soldier, sailor, or marine who served in the army, navy, or marine corps of the United States, in the war of 1861, in the war with Spain, or in the World War, and who has received an honorable discharge from said service, and no wage earner who is usually employed, but who is unem-

ployed temporarily without his fault and because of industrial conditions over which he has no control, and who has or may become dependent upon any town, shall be considered a pauper, or be subject to disfranchisement for that cause; but the time during which said soldier, sailor, marine, or wage earner is so dependent, shall not be included in the period of residence necessary to change his settlement; and overseers of the poor shall not have authority to remove to, or support in, the poorhouse any such dependent soldier, sailor, marine, or wage earner, or his family. The word "family" here used shall be held to include the soldier, sailor, marine, or wage earner, his wife, his unmarried minor children living with him and dependent upon him for support, and such other unmarried children of his dependent upon him for support who by reason of mental incapacity or physical disability are unable to provide for themselves; but the town of his settlement shall support them at his own home in the town of his settlement or residence, or in such suitable place other than the poorhouse as the overseers of the town of his settlement may deem right and proper. In case of violation of this section the overseers of the poor shall be subject to a fine of \$25; and for every day they allow them to remain in such poorhouse, after reasonable notice, they shall be subject to a further fine of \$5 a day, to be recovered by complaint or indictment. This section shall not be so construed as to deprive overseers of the poor of any right to remove and support such dependent soldier, sailor, marine, or wage earner and his family in the town of his settlement as herein provided.'