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House of Representatives, Feb. 4, 1937.

Referred to Committee on Pensions and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Poulin of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide a Pension for Crippled Persons.

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

Sec. 1. Department of health and welfare to supervise pensions for crippled persons. The department of health and welfare shall supervise the carrying out and enforcement of the provisions of law relating to pensions for crippled persons. It is hereby empowered to employ such assistants as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and to co-ordinate their work with that of the other social welfare work of the department.

Sec. 2. Eligibility. All persons between the ages of 21 and 65, inclusive, who have been residents of the state for the previous 10 years before applying for this pension, and by their physical disability are incapable of gaining a livelihood, shall be eligible for this pension.

Sec. 3. Definition of crippled persons. Any person that presents an affidavit (through mail or otherwise) to the department of health and welfare that he has been given a physical examination by a regular physician, provided that said physician swears under oath, (together with 2 witnesses that have known said person or applicant for the previous 10 years)

that said person or applicant is in his opinion permanently disabled and unable to earn a livelihood is hereby defined as a "crippled person." Said oath shall be acknowledged or attested by a justice of the peace, and said person or applicant shall sign his or her name thereto.

Sec. 4. Pension. Any person or applicant qualifying under the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this act shall receive a pension of \$20 per month.

Sec. 5. Funds may be taken from general fund. The governor and council shall order money transferred from the general fund to the department of health and welfare as it is needed, upon the recommendation of said department head, in order to carry out the provisions of this act.