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House of Representatives, February 14, 1939.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Poulin of Rumford.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Soldiers, Sailors and Marines and Their Dependents.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 8, amended. Section 8 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to 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, 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, **or their families as hereinafter defined**, 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, or marine, **or his family**, is so dependent, shall not be included in the period of residence necessary to change his or **their** settlement; and overseers of the poor shall not have authority to remove to, or support in, the poorhouse any such dependent soldier, sailor, or marine, or his family. The word “family” here used shall be held to include the soldier, sailor, or marine, his wife **or widow, mother or father**, ~~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, or marine and his family in the town of his settlement as herein provided.'