

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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## FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

### STATE OF MAINE.

1862.

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## CHAP. 127.

## Chapter 127.

An act in aid of the families of volunteers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Money authorized to be raised to aid families of volunteers.

SECT. 1. The cities, towns and plantations in this state are hereby severally empowered to raise money by taxation or otherwise, to be applied to aid in the support of the wife, or dependent mother, father or sister, and minor children, being inhabitants of such city, town or plantation, of any soldier, sailor or marine, who may be actually engaged in the military or naval service of the United States, or of this state, in any recognized company, battalion or regiment of this state, or on board of any armed vessel of the United States, during the present rebellion. The money so raised to be expended under the direction of the municipal authorities of said cities, towns or plantations, as the exigencies of the persons for whose benefit it was intended may severally require for the relief of actual distress. And such aid may, at the discretion of any city, town or plantation, be continued to the family of any soldier, sailor or marine, killed in battle or by the casualties of war, or who may be discharged from service in consequence of any disability resulting from the casualties of war and not from his own fault, for a period not exceeding one year after such death or discharge, provided in case of discharge he shall not sooner recover from such disability.

—how expended.

Amount to be reimbursed by the state.

SECT. 2. Of the money so applied by any city, town or plantation, as authorized in section one, there shall be reimbursed from the state treasury to such city, town or plantation, an amount not exceeding seventy-five cents per week for a wife, or dependent mother, father or sister, and fifty cents for each child, being inhabitants as aforesaid, who at the time of such soldier, sailor or marine being called into the service were, and who still continue to be dependent on him for their support; *provided however*, that the sum so reimbursed shall not in any case exceed ten dollars per month for all the persons thus dependent upon one soldier, sailor or marine.

Proviso.

Accounts to be filed with governor and council.

SECT. 3. No such reimbursement shall be made in any case until an account of the expenditures, duly certified and sworn to by a majority of the proper municipal authorities, shall be filed with the governor and council, which account shall set forth the name of the soldier for whose family, expense has been incurred, also the name of each person who received aid, and the sum paid for each of said persons, and that the same was necessary to relieve actual distress. Accounts thus made out and filed within the time hereinafter prescribed, shall be examined by the governor and council, and if found correct and duly vouched, shall be approved.

When filed,  
how approved.

SECT. 4. Such accounts shall be filed with the governor and council on or before the fifteenth day of January in each year, and shall be passed upon by them on or before the first day of March following. If approved, the amount allowed shall be passed to the credit of the city, town or plantation making the claim, on said first day of March, by the state treasurer, in a book kept for the purpose, and shall draw interest on and after that date. And on said first day of March the treasurer shall issue to such city, town or plantation, in his capacity of treasurer, his scrip for the amount found due to each, respectively, made payable to the order of the treasurer of such city, town or plantation, at the state treasurer's office, at the pleasure of the state, with annual interest.

Duty of  
treasurer.

SECT. 5. No pauper disabilities shall be created by reason of receiving the aid provided for in this act.

No pauper  
disabilities  
created.

SECT. 6. The word plantation, where it occurs in this act, is intended to include plantations duly organized for election purposes.

Plantation  
intended to  
include.

SECT. 7. Section sixth of chapter sixty-three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-one is hereby repealed, and the provisions of the act passed April twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, in relation to the relief of families of soldiers, sailors or marines, is hereby extended to all the regiments which have been or may be raised in this state.

Acts repealed  
and extended.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor, and the secretary of state shall furnish an attested copy of this act to the clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations of this state, within thirty days from its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 18, 1862.]

### Chapter 128.

An act relating to the receipt and disbursement of funds of the Maine volunteers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. The treasurer of state is authorized and required to receive and distribute all money which shall be remitted to him for the use of any person in this state by any of the Maine volunteers in the service of the United States under the provisions of an act of congress entitled "an act to provide for allotment certificates among the volunteer forces," or under any other system which now or hereafter may be duly established by law, and to receive and distribute all money which shall be remitted to him for the use

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ted from Maine  
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