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whole at the rate of ten per cent a year from the date of the sale, which shall be received and held by said treasurer as the property of the purchaser aforesaid; and the treasurer shall pay it to said purchaser, his heirs or assigns, on demand; and if not paid when demanded, the purchaser may recover it in any court of competent jurisdiction, with costs and interest at the rate of twenty per cent, after such demand. The sureties of the treasurer shall pay the same on failure of said treasurer. And in default of payment by either, the town or plantation shall pay the same with costs and interest as aforesaid.'

Approved April 8, 1921.

Chapter 183.

An Act to Amend Sections One and Five of Chapter One Hundred Sixty-nine of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Nineteen, Relating to the Support of Dependents of Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.

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

Sec. 1. 1919, c. 169, § 1; authorizing towns to raise money for the relief of the dependents of soldiers and sailors, amended. Section one of chapter one hundred sixty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen is hereby amended so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 1. Applicable to soldiers and sailors who served in the World War and who were residents in this state on April 1st, 1917; made to include dependents of soldiers and sailors who were disabled in the World War and repeals the provision which reads "the beginning or continuation of whose service was subsequent to the said first day of April 1917, provided such relatives would be entitled thereto under this act if such soldier, sailor or marine were living."** The cities, towns and plantations in this state shall raise money by taxation or otherwise to be applied to relieve the necessitous circumstances of the wife, children under the age of sixteen years, the infirm and dependent father, mother or other member of the family incapable of self-maintenance, of any soldier, sailor or marine who served in the World War; provided, that on April first, nineteen hundred seventeen, such soldier, sailor or marine was a resident of this state. The money so raised shall be paid directly to the dependents entitled thereto under the provisions of this act, or to the parent or legal guardian of any such dependents who are minors or under guardianship, by the municipal officers of the cities, towns and plantations wherein such dependents respectively reside, in sums not exceeding four dollars a week to relieve the necessitous circumstances of the wife, infirm and dependent father

or mother of such soldier, sailor or marine, and a sum not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents a week to relieve the necessitous circumstances of each child under the age of sixteen years or other member of the family incapable of self-maintenance, who is dependent upon such soldier, sailor or marine; provided, however, that the sum so paid shall not in any case exceed ten dollars a week for all persons entitled thereto under the provisions of this act by reason of the relationship and dependency upon one soldier, sailor or marine, and such money in the same amounts shall be furnished to relieve the necessitous circumstances of any of the aforesaid relatives of any such soldier, sailor or marine killed in battle, or dying or becoming disabled as a result of the casualties of war or of sickness contracted in the line of his duty, and not of his own fault. The money authorized to be raised under this act shall be available only to inhabitants of the aforesaid cities, towns and plantations of the State of Maine on the said first day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen, but any persons entitled to receive aid hereunder shall not forfeit the same by reason of temporary absence from the state. All officials charged with duties under this act shall, in determining the question of dependency and necessitous circumstances, duly consider federal insurance and federal compensation in lieu of insurance, federal allotment and federal allowance and any and all other provisions made by either state or federal government or any divisions or departments thereof for the same or similar purposes contemplated by this act.'

Sec. 2. 1919, c. 169, § 5; relating to the filing of accounts by municipalities in connection with aid furnished soldiers' dependents, amended. Section five of said chapter one hundred sixty-nine is hereby amended so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 5. Money to be paid from fund especially appropriated for that purpose instead of from the proceeds of war bonds and money "not otherwise appropriated." Such accounts shall be made up to the first days of July and January in each year, and shall be filed with the governor and council on or before the first days of August and February following and shall be examined and passed upon within a reasonable time after the date of such filing. If approved, the amounts allowed shall be paid, upon warrants drawn by the governor and council against any money in the treasury appropriated for that purpose, by the state treasurer to the city, town or plantation whose claim has been thus established.'

Approved April 8, 1921.