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the weight on any one axle imparted to the road surface does not exceed eighteen thousand pounds', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**Sec. 56. Weight of commercial vehicles limited.** No truck, tractor on wheels, trailer, or other commercial vehicle having a gross weight of more than eighteen thousand pounds distributed by four wheels on a road surface or having a gross weight on any one axle exceeding thirteen thousand, five hundred pounds imparted to a road surface, shall be operated over any way or bridge; except that when the gross weight is distributed on the road surface upon six or more wheels by the combined use of a trailer, or otherwise, so that the imparted weight from any one axle shall not exceed thirteen thousand, five hundred pounds, the permissible gross weight of a vehicle or vehicles thus combined may be increased not exceeding fifty per cent. But no vehicle having a load of over seven hundred pounds per inch width of tire upon any wheel concentrated upon the road surface, said width to be measured between the flanges of the rim, shall be operated upon any way or bridge; except in special cases under special permit to be granted by the state highway commission for greater weights as elsewhere provided in this chapter. Provided, however, that the gross weight of any such vehicle distributed on four wheels may be increased to twenty thousand pounds if the weight upon any wheel concentrated upon the road surface does not exceed six hundred pounds to an inch width of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim, and if the weight on any one axle imparted to the road surface does not exceed sixteen thousand pounds. Provided further, however, that the gross weight of any such vehicle distributed on four wheels, equipped with pneumatic tires, may be increased to twenty-four thousand pounds if the weight upon any wheel concentrated upon the road surface does not exceed six hundred pounds to an inch width of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim, and if the weight of any one axle imparted to the road surface does not exceed eighteen thousand pounds. The term "gross weight" shall mean the actual weight of the vehicle and load.'

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## Chapter 279.

### AN ACT Relating to the Support of Dependents of Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of the World War.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 159, sec. 1, amended.** Section one of chapter one hundred fifty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking

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out the whole of said section one and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 1. Department of public welfare to administer relief to dependents of veterans.** The department of public welfare shall consider and pass on all applications for relief under the provisions of this chapter. Through its commissioner it shall establish a separate division to administer the relief provided and make such rules and orders for the regulation of the proceedings of said division as it may deem necessary. It shall utilize its agents and field workers for visatorial duties.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 159, sec. 2, amended.** Section two of chapter one hundred fifty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 2. Persons entitled to relief defined.** The wife, children under the age of sixteen years, the infirm and dependent father or mother, incapable of self maintenance, of any soldier, sailor or marine of the armed forces of the United States on active duty during the World War before November 11, 1918, killed in battle or dead, or who is disabled, and in necessitous circumstances, and who was honorably discharged, provided that on April first, nineteen hundred and nineteen, such soldier, sailor or marine, if living, was a resident of the state, shall be eligible for relief to such amount as hereinafter provided. Any person entitled to receive relief hereunder shall not forfeit the same by reason of temporary absence from the state.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 159, sec. 3, amended.** Section three of chapter one hundred fifty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 3. Conditions of the relief.** Such relief shall be granted in sums not exceeding seven dollars a week, to relieve the necessitous circumstances, if such exist, of the wife, the infirm and dependent father or mother of such soldier, sailor or marine, and in sums not exceeding three dollars a week to relieve the necessitous circumstances of each child under the age of sixteen years, incapable of self maintenance, who was or is dependent on such soldier, sailor or marine, provided, that the department, in determining amount to be paid, shall give consideration to allowances received by said dependents from the federal government. In the administration of this act, the department shall endeavor to give preference to the applications of dependents of veterans deceased from or suffering with disabilities of service origin, or that the department might presume to be of service origin.'

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 159, sec. 5, amended.** Section five of chapter one hundred fifty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 5. Payments may be made to others for benefit of those assisted.** Such relief may, in the discretion of the department, be paid to any other persons whom it may designate for the benefit of such dependents.'

**Sec. 5. R. S., c. 159, sec. 7, amended.** Section seven of chapter one hundred fifty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 7. Form of application.** Application for relief shall be made in any form designated by the department.'

**Sec. 6. Appropriation clause.** A new section to chapter one hundred fifty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby added to be known as section nine, and it shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 9. Appropriation.** For the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act, there is hereby appropriated the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars annually, for each of the fiscal years nineteen hundred and thirty-one and thirty-two, and nineteen hundred and thirty-two and thirty-three, which sums shall be in lieu of any other funds provided by law for the relief of veterans and their dependents.'

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## Chapter 280.

### AN ACT With Reference to the State Highway Police.

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

**R. S., c. 29, sec. 127; relating to state highway police, amended.** Section one hundred twenty-seven of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty-five" in the third line thereof and inserting the word 'sixty', so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 127. Maintenance of state highway police provided for.** Payment of the expense of maintenance of the state highway police shall be made as heretofore provided; but shall not exceed one hundred and sixty thousand dollars for each year.'

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