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Pensions for Employees of the State.

Sec. 20. State employees to be pensioned after twenty-five years' consecutive service. 1919, c. 38, § 1. The superintendent and board of trustees of any state institution and the head of any state department may recommend the retirement from active service and the placing upon a pension roll, any employee who has been employed in any state institution or department of this state, with a good record for the term of twenty-five consecutive years, or more, and such employee, subject to the approval of the governor and council shall be so retired and pensioned.

Sec. 21. Pension not to exceed one-half average salary for last five years. 1919, c. 38, § 2. Any employee who is retired, as provided in the preceding section, shall be allowed such amount as the governor and council shall determine not to exceed one-half the average wage or salary he was receiving for the five years previous to the time of his retirement.

Sec. 22. "Employee" defined. 1923, c. 199, § 3. 1925, c. 118. The word employee shall be held to include clerks and other employees of the several state departments and state institutions; also teachers in the state normal schools and the Madawaska training school, including such teachers as have retired since March first, nineteen hundred twenty.

Sec. 23. Application of law limited. 1923, c. 199, § 4. No person receiving retirement pay under sections twenty to twenty-two inclusive shall receive retirement pay under any other law of this state.

CHAPTER 159.

The Support of Dependents of Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the World War.

Sec. 1. Formation of commission to pass on application for relief. 1929 c. 295, § 1. A commission of five persons consisting of the adjutant-general of the state, the messenger to the governor and council, the secretary of the department of public welfare, and two other citizens of the state, shall be appointed by the governor, who shall serve during his pleasure and without compensation and who shall consider and pass on all applications for relief under the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 2. Persons eligible for relief; temporary absence not to disqualify. 1929, c. 295, § 2. 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, killed in battle or dead, or who is disabled, and in necessitous circumstances, provided that on April first, nineteen hundred 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. Amounts to be allotted. 1929, c. 295, § 3. Such relief shall be granted in sums not exceeding seven dollars a week, to relieve the necessitous circumstances, if such exist, of the wife, 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 upon such soldier, sailor or marine.

Sec. 4. **Payment of relief granted.** 1929, c. 295, § 4. Relief granted under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid monthly by the treasurer of state upon warrants drawn by the governor and council.

Sec. 5. **Relief may be paid to other persons for benefit of dependents.** 1929, c. 295, § 5. Such relief may, in the discretion of the commission, be paid to any other persons whom they may designate for the benefit of such dependents.

Sec. 6. **Not to be considered paupers.** 1929, c. 295, § 6. No pauper disabilities shall be created by reason of receiving the relief provided in this chapter.

Sec. 7. **Form of application to be designated by commission.** 1929, c. 295, § 7. Application for relief shall be made in any form designated by the commission.

Sec. 8. **Penalty for false statements or fraudulent claims.** 1929, c. 295, § 9. Whoever knowingly makes a false statement, oral or written, relating to a material fact in support of claim to war allowance or state aid under the provisions of this chapter, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than eleven months. Whoever, being entitled to the benefits of this chapter, fraudulently claims or receives pay for a period of time following a termination of his right to receive the same, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than eleven months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

CHAPTER 160.

Soldiers' Bonus Fund. War Bond Sinking Fund.

The Soldiers' Bonus Fund.

Sec. 1. **Soldiers in the war with Germany entitled to bonus of \$100.** 1919, c. 264, § 1. In order to promote the spirit of patriotism and loyalty, in testimony of the gratitude of the state of Maine, and in recognition of the splendid services of Maine men in the war with Germany, every soldier, as hereinafter defined, who served during the war at any time from April sixth, nineteen hundred seventeen, to November eleventh, nineteen hundred eighteen, inclusive, shall be entitled to receive from the state of Maine, from a fund hereinafter created and called "The Soldiers' Bonus Fund," the sum of one hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. **The term "soldier" defined.** 1919, c. 264, § 2. 1921, c. 100, § 1. The word "soldier" as used in this chapter shall mean any officer, soldier, sailor, marine, nurse, or any other person regularly enlisted, who has been or is a part of the military or naval forces of the United States in the war with Germany and who was a resident of the state of Maine at the time he was commissioned, enlisted, inducted, appointed or mustered into the military or naval service of the United States, and who has been or may be given an honorable or ordinary discharge or release from such service, or who, if still in such service at the time of application for said bonus, may be given a certificate of