

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 7.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE.

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AN ACT to provide support for families of volunteers.

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

SECTION 1. The cities, towns and plantations in this  
2 state, shall raise money by taxation, or otherwise, to  
3 be applied to aid in the support of the wife, or  
4 dependent mother, father, brother or sister, and minor  
5 children, being inhabitants of such city, town or plan-  
6 tation, of any soldier, sailor or marine who may be  
7 actually engaged in the military or naval service of  
8 the United States or of this state, in any recognized  
9 company, battalion or regiment of this state, or on  
10 board of any armed vessel of the United States, during  
11 the present rebellion. The money so raised, to be

12 expended under the direction of the municipal author-  
13 ities of said cities, towns and plantations, as the  
14 exigencies of the persons for whose benefit it was  
15 intended may severally require; and such aid may,  
16 at the discretion of any city, town or plantation, be  
17 continued to the family of any such soldier, sailor or  
18 marine killed in battle, or by the casualties of war,  
19 or who may be discharged from service in consequence  
20 of any disability resulting from the casualties of war,  
21 and not from his own fault, for a period not exceed-  
22 ing one year after such death or discharge, he shall  
23 not sooner recover from such disability.

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

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

SECT. 4. Such accounts shall be made up to January  
2 first, and shall be filed with the governor and council  
3 on or before the fifteenth day of January in each year,  
4 and shall be passed upon by them on or before the first  
5 day of March following. If approved, the amount  
6 allowed shall be paid or passed to the credit of the  
7 city, town or plantation making the claim on said first  
8 of March, the treasurer shall issue to such city, town  
9 or plantation in his capacity of treasurer, his scrip for  
10 the amount found due to each respectively, made pay-  
11 able to the order of the treasurer of such city, town or  
12 plantation at the state treasurer's office at the pleasure  
13 of the state with annual interest.

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

SECT. 6. The word plantation where it occurs in  
2 this act is intended to include plantations duly organ-  
3 ized for election purposes. The wife or dependent  
4 mother, father, brother or sister, or minor children of  
5 any soldier, sailor or marine who reside in any unor-  
6 ganized plantation in this state may receive aid pro-  
7 vided for in this act in the nearest duly organized city,  
8 town or plantation in this state.

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

SECT. 8. This act shall not authorize reimbursing  
2 money applied for the aid of any wife, child or parent  
3 aforesaid of any commissioned officer in said volunteer  
4 service.

SECT. 9. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with  
2 this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect from and after  
2 its approval by the governor and the secretary of state

3 shall furnish an attested copy of this act to the clerks  
4 of the several cities, towns and plantations of this state  
5 within thirty days from its approval by the governor.

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STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 28, 1863.

Introduced by Mr. CRAM of Cumberland, on whose motion, laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*