

CHAPTER 41.

[H. B. 58.]

RELIEF OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES.

AN ACT relating to the relief of soldiers, sailors and marines and their families, and amending sections 6246, 6247, 6248, 6249, 6250, 6251, 6252, 6253 Pierce's Code.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That section 6246 Pierce's Code (8914 of Rem. & Bal. Code, as amended by section 1 of chapter 83 of the Laws of 1919) be amended to read as follows:

Section 6246. For the relief of indigent and suffering Union soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Civil War, in the war of Mexico or in any of the Indian wars in the United States, the Spanish-American war and Philippine insurrection, soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps between April 6, 1917, and the date upon which peace is finally concluded with the German government and its allies, or soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in any other foreign war, insurrection, or expedition, which service shall be governed by the issuance of a campaign badge by the government of the United States of America, and their families or the families of those deceased, who need assistance in any city, town or precinct in this state, the board of commissioners of the county in which said city, town or precinct is situated shall provide such sum or sums of money as may be necessary, to be drawn upon by the commander and quartermaster, or commander and adjutant of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic, camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars or post

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authorized.

of the American Legion in said city or town upon recommendation of the relief committee of said post or camp in the same manner as is now provided by law for the relief of the poor: *Provided*, said soldier, sailor or marine, or the families of those deceased, are and have been residents of the state for at least twelve months, and the orders of said commander and quartermaster, or commander and adjutant shall be the proper voucher for the expenditure of said sum or sums of money.

SEC. 2. That section 6248 Pierce's Code (8915 of Rem. & Bal. Code) be amended to read as follows:

Nearest
post or
camp may
receive.

Section 6248. If there be no post of the Grand Army of the Republic, camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars or post of the American Legion in any precinct in which it should be granted, the county commissioners of the county in which such precinct is, may accept and pay the orders drawn, as hereinbefore provided, by the commander and quartermaster, or commander and adjutant, of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic, camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars or post of the American Legion located in the nearest city or town, upon the recommendation of a relief committee who shall be residents of the said precinct in which the relief may be furnished.

SEC. 3. That section 6249 Pierce's Code (8916 of Rem. & Bal. Code) be amended to read as follows:

Notice of
relief work.

Section 6249. Upon the passage of this act the commander of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic, camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars or post of the American Legion which shall undertake the relief of indigent veterans and their families, as hereinbefore provided, before the acts of said commander and quartermaster, or commander and adjutant may become operative in any city or precinct, shall file with

the county auditor of such county, notice that said post or camp intends to undertake such relief as is provided by this act. Such notice shall contain the names of the relief committee of said post or camp in such city or precinct, and the commander of said post or camp shall annually thereafter during the month of October file a similar notice with said auditor, and also a detailed statement of the amount of relief furnished during the preceding year, with the names of all persons to whom such relief shall have been furnished, together with a brief statement in each case from the relief committee upon whose recommendations the orders were drawn.

SEC. 4. That section 6250 Pierce's Code (8917 of Rem. & Bal. Code) be amended to read as follows:

Section 6250. The county commissioners may require of the commander and quartermaster, or commander and adjutant, of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic, camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars or post of the American Legion undertaking to distribute relief under this act a bond with sufficient and satisfactory sureties for the faithful and honest discharge of their duties under this act.

Bond may
be required.

SEC. 5. That section 6251 Pierce's Code (8918 of Rem. & Bal. Code, as amended by chapter 83 of the Laws of 1919) be amended to read as follows:

Section 6251. County Commissioners are hereby prohibited from sending indigent Union, Spanish-American war soldiers, sailors and marines, soldiers, sailors and marines who have served the United States in the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps between April 6, 1917, and the date upon which peace is finally concluded with the German Government and its allies, or soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States in any other foreign war, insurrection or expedition, which service shall

Care of
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soldiers,
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be governed by the issuance of a campaign badge by the government of the United States of America (or their families or the families of the deceased), of the classes of persons mentioned in section 1, to any almshouse (or orphan asylum) without the concurrence and consent of the commander and relief committee of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic, camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars or post of the American Legion, as provided in sections 1 and 2. Indigent veterans shall, whenever practicable, be provided for and relieved at their homes in such city, town or precinct in which they shall have a residence, in the manner provided in sections 1 and 2 of this act. Indigent or disabled veterans of the classes specified in section 1, who are not insane and have no families or friends with whom they may be domiciled, may be sent to any soldier's home.

SEC. 6. That section 6252 Pierce's Code (8929 of Rem. & Bal. Code, as amended by chapter 83 of the Laws of 1919) be amended to read as follows:

Section 6252. It shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners in each of the counties in this state to designate some proper authority other than the one designated by law for the care of paupers and the custody of criminals who shall cause to be interred at the expense of the county the body of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine who served in the Army or the Navy of the United States of America during the late Civil War or in the war with Mexico or in any of the Indian wars that occurred in the State of Washington, or the Spanish-American war and the Philippine insurrection, soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps between April 6, 1917, and the date upon which peace is finally concluded with the German Government and its allies, or soldiers, sailors and marines who

Burial of
deceased
soldiers,
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marines.

served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in any other foreign war, insurrection or expedition which service shall be governed by the issuance of a campaign badge by the government of the United States of America, and the wives or widows of such soldiers, sailors or marines, who shall hereafter die without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses; and when requested so to do by the commanding officer of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic, camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars or American Legion, or the relief committee of any such posts or camps: *Provided, however,* That such interment shall not cost more than one hundred dollars. If the deceased has relatives or friends who desire to conduct the burial of such deceased person, then upon request of said commander or relief committee a sum not to exceed one hundred dollars shall be paid to said relatives or friends by the county treasurer, upon due proof of the death and burial of any person provided for by this section and proof of expenses incurred.

SEC. 7. That section 6253 Pierce's Code (8919 of Rem. & Bal. Code, as amended by chapter 83 of the Laws of 1919) be amended to read as follows:

Section 6253. The boards of county commis-
Tax levy.
sioners of the several counties in this state shall levy, in addition to the taxes now levied by law, a tax not less than one-twentieth of one mill, and not greater than two-fifths of one mill, upon the taxable property of their respective counties, to be levied and collected as now prescribed by law for the assessment and collection of taxes, for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Civil War, in the war of Mexico or in any of the Indian wars, or the Spanish-American war or the Philippine insurrection, soldiers, sailors and

marines who served in the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps between April 6, 1917, and the date upon which peace is finally concluded with the German Government and its allies, or soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States in any other foreign war, insurrection or expedition, which service shall be governed by the issuance of a campaign badge by the government of the United States of America, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, to be disbursed for such relief by such board of county commissioners.

SEC. 8. That section 6247 Pierce's Code (8920 of Rem. & Bal. Code) be amended to read as follows:

Payment of
rent of post
or camp.

Section 6247. Any post of the Grand Army of the Republic, camp of United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars or post of the American Legion which has qualified to accept relief from the Indigent Soldiers' Relief Fund of any county may draw upon said county fund for the payment of the rent of its regular meeting place: *Provided*, That no post or camp shall be allowed to draw on such fund for this purpose to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars in any one year, or in any amount for hall rental where said post or camp is furnished quarters by the state or by any municipality.

Before such claims are ordered paid by the county commissioners, the commander of such posts shall file a proper claim each month with the county auditor for such rental.

Emergency.

SEC. 9. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety and shall take effect immediately.

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