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[House Bill, No. 8.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—January 23, 1863.—Read first and second times, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. READ.]

A BILL

Continuing in pay all discharged soldiers by reason of wounds and injuries received in the service.

- 1 Section 1. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do
- 2 cnact, That all commissioned and non-commissioned officers, musi-
- 3 cians and private soldiers who may now be discharged, or who may
- 4 hereafter be discharged from service, by reason of wounds and
- 5 injuries received in the service of the Confederate States, or
- 6 that may have been received in the service of any of the States
- 7 comprising this Confederacy, whose services and troops have
- 8 been recognized and received into the service of the Confederate
- 9 States, and who shall have been declared wholly or in part,
- 10 disabled by wounds or injuries received in the service, so as to

- 11 disable them from further service, or so as to render them unfit
- 12 for labor, in whole or in part, shall be continued in pay from the
- 13 date of their discharge until the present war shall have been
- 14 concluded by a treaty of peace, at the rate and manner as
- 15 hereinafter declared.
 - 1 Sec. 2. All persons claiming the benefits of this act, who have
 - 2 already been discharged, shall present themselves to a board of
 - 3 physicians, known as the examining board for the several States,
- 4 and upon a certificate of any of said boards that the applicant is
- 5 wholly disabled from labor, the person so applying shall be
- entitled to full pay, at the same rate that is now allowed by law
 - 7 to troops in the field, except, however, that commutation of no
- 8 kind shall be allowed to commissioned officers, who shall only be
- 9 allowed pay per diem, at the rates that they were receiving pay
- 10 when discharged: Provided, further, Should said board find any
- 11 applicant only half disabled from labor, then said applicant shall
- 12 only be entitled to half pay: Provided, further, That all persons
- 13 hereafter discharged for the reasons herein stated, shall, upon
- 14 the certificate of said board, be entitled to receive pay in the
- 15 manner hereinbefore provided.
 - 1 Sec. 3. Payments shall be made under this act semi-annually, to
 - 2 wit: on the fourth day of March, and fourth day of September

- 3 of each year, which payments shall be made by any disbursing
- 4 quartermaster, under such rules and regulations as may be
- 5 prescribed by the Secretary of War, whose duty it shall be to
- 6 cause to be made out regulations for the carrying into execution
- 7 the provisions of this act.

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