court for good cause shown, and thereafter shall be again sealed as before.

Sec. 16. If a decree of adoption is entered, as soon as the time for appeal therefrom has expired, or if an appeal is taken, then upon final determination thereof, if the adoption is affirmed, the clerk of the court shall transmit to the state registrar of vital statistics a certified copy of such decree.

Sec. 17. Sections 1a, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, chapter 268, Laws of 1943, and sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, chapter 251, Laws of 1947, and RCW 26.32.010 through 26.32.160 are each repealed.

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CHAPTER 292.

[ S. B. 348. ]

VETERANS' BONUS.

An Act providing for the payment of a bonus to veterans of the armed forces from the state of Washington serving between June 27, 1950, and July 26, 1953, from the proceeds of a bond issue; providing terminal dates for filing and processing application; making an appropriation and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. Since the people of the state of Washington have recognized the sacrifices of its sons in the service of their country during World War II, and having desired to aid them in their return to civil life, did authorize the payment of certain compensation in recognition of such services, and since problems arising out of said conflict threatened to defeat the ideals for which said war was waged and made it necessary for many of our sons to again bear arms
for the preservation of justice and peace, it is fitting
and proper that we again recognize that service and
give that helping hand to those who have given so
much to us and have brought so much honor to our
great state.

Sec. 2. There shall be paid to each person who
was on active federal service as a member of the
armed military or naval forces of the United States
between the 27th day of June, 1950, and the 26th
day of July, 1953, and who for a period of one year
immediately prior to the date of his entry into such
active service, was a bona fide citizen or resident
of the state of Washington, for service between said
dates, the sum of one hundred dollars for service
in excess of eighty-nine days within the continental
United States, the sum of one hundred fifty dollars
for service in excess of eighty-nine days and less
than three hundred sixty-five days where any part
of such service was outside the continental limits
of the United States, or the sum of two hundred
dollars for service in excess of three hundred sixty-
four days where any part of such service was out-
side the continental limits of the United States:
Provided, however, That persons otherwise eligible
who have been continuously in said armed services
for a period of five years or more immediately prior
to June 27, 1950, shall not be eligible to receive com-
ensation under the terms of this act: Provided,
further, That persons who have already received
extra compensation or other benefits based upon
claimed residence at the time of entry into such
active service from any other state or territory shall
not be entitled to compensation under this act.

In case of the death of any such person prior to
June 10, 1955, an equal amount shall be paid to his
surviving widow if not remarried at the time com-
pensation is requested, or in case he left no widow
or in case his widow has remarried and he has left
children, then to his surviving children, or in the event he left no widow eligible for payment hereunder, or children surviving on June 10, 1955, then to his surviving parent or parents: Provided, however, That no such parent who has been deprived of custody of such child or children by a decree of a court of competent jurisdiction shall be entitled to any compensation under this act if the husband of the surviving spouse was either killed in action or died as a result of wounds or disabilities incurred in action during the period covered by this act, such spouse, if not remarried at the time compensation is requested, shall be entitled to the largest amount payable hereunder.

SEC. 3. The word “person” as used in section 2 of this act shall not include persons who, during the period of their service, refused on conscientious, political, or other grounds to subject themselves to full military discipline and unqualified service or who were separated from such service under conditions other than honorable, and who have not subsequently been officially restored to an honorable status, and such persons shall not be entitled to the benefits of this chapter: Provided, That the word “person” as used in section 2 of this act shall include those persons with honorable discharge who claimed exemptions from combatant training and service by reason of religious training and belief and whose claims were sustained under authority of the selective training and service act of 1940 and executive order No. 8606, but who were inducted into the armed forces and assigned to noncombatant service and who did not otherwise refuse to subject themselves to full military discipline and unqualified service.

SEC. 4. All disbursements required by this chapter, for compensation shall be made upon the presentation of a certificate upon a form to be pre-
scribed by the state auditor. Such form shall be
duly verified by the claimant under oath, and shall
set forth his name, residence at the time of entry
into the service, date of enlistment, induction, or
entry upon active federal service, beginning and ending
dates of overseas service, date of discharge or
release from active federal service, or if the claimant
has not been released at the time of application, a
statement by competent military authority that the
claimant during the period for which compensation
is claimed did not refuse to subject himself to full
military discipline and unqualified service, and that
that he has not been separated from service under
circumstances other than honorable.

The state auditor may require such further in-
formation to be included in such certificate as he
deems necessary to enable him to determine the
eligibility of applicants. Such certificate shall be
presented to the state auditor or his representative,
together with evidence of honorable service satis-
factory to the state auditor.

The state auditor shall draw warrants in pay-
ment of such compensation claims against the war
veterans' compensation fund, which has heretofore
been established in the state treasury. Claims for
such compensation may be filed after the effective
date of this act but no payments shall be made prior
to January 2, 1956.

The state auditor may make such reasonable
requirements for applications as are necessary to
prevent fraud or the payment of compensation to
persons not entitled thereto.

SEC. 5. Where compensation is payable under
this chapter to any person who is mentally incom-
petent at the time application is made, said com-
pensation may be paid to any guardian, committee,
conservator, or curator duly appointed, pursuant to
the laws of the state of residence of said incompetent
to control and manage the person and/or estate of the incompetent, or such compensation may be paid to any chief officer of any state or federal institution having custody of such incompetent: Provided, however, The chief officer of any state or federal institution shall use any compensation received pursuant to this section for the personal benefit of the incompetent, exclusive of care and maintenance.

The guardian, committee, conservator, curator, chief officer or person in charge shall make application for the incompetent's compensation upon the form regularly provided for such purpose pursuant to section 4 of this act, and in addition, shall certify under oath that the applicant is the guardian, committee, conservator, curator, chief officer, or person in charge as above set forth, and shall further certify that the compensation received shall be used for the personal benefit of the incompetent as provided herein and in accord with the laws applicable to the administration of their office.

Any compensation paid upon the basis of the above certification shall be complete settlement and satisfaction of any claim made pursuant to the provisions of this chapter as if made to a person not incompetent.

Sec. 6. The state auditor shall furnish free of charge upon the application therefor the necessary forms upon which applications may be made and may establish at different points within the state offices at which there shall be kept on file for the use of persons covered by this chapter a sufficient number of certificate forms, so that there is no delay in the payment of compensation. The state auditor may authorize the county auditor or county clerk, or both, of any county of the state to act for him in receiving such applications, and shall furnish them with the proper forms to enable them to accept such applications. The state auditor shall procure such
printing, office supplies and equipment and employ such persons as may be necessary to properly carry out the provisions of this chapter. All expenses incurred by him in the administration of this chapter shall be paid by warrants drawn upon the war veterans’ compensation fund.

Sec. 7. The executive officer of the veterans’ rehabilitation council shall advise with and assist the state auditor in the performance of the duties of the auditor under this chapter, and when so called upon, the executive officer shall employ such persons and incur such expenses as may be necessary, such expenses to be paid by warrant drawn upon the war veterans’ compensation fund.

Sec. 8. The state auditor may, in his discretion, issue warrants under the provisions of this chapter in anticipation of the sale of the bonds herein authorized.

Sec. 9. The money not yet expended arising from the sale of bonds previously authorized and credited to the special fund known as the war veterans’ compensation fund, pursuant to chapter 73.32, RCW, and chapter 180, Laws of 1949, as amended, together with the proceeds of the bonds authorized and not yet sold, as shall remain after the payment of World War II bonuses in said act provided shall be, and the same are hereby made available for the payment of the compensation herein authorized, and for any and all expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and the appropriation in said act made (eighty million dollars) shall be, and the same is, hereby confirmed as appropriated to complete all payments made under both the act authorizing the compensation to veterans of World War II and the compensation herein set forth.

Sec. 10. Any person who with intent to defraud, subscribes to any false oath or makes any false
representation, either in the execution of the certificates provided for by this chapter, or who with intent to defraud, presents to the state auditor or any other officer any certificate for the purpose of obtaining funds provided by this chapter, which do not in fact belong to such person, or makes any false representation in connection with obtaining any funds under the terms of this chapter, shall be guilty of a felony.

Sec. 11. No charge shall be made by any agent, notary public, or attorney for any service in connection with filing an application to obtain the allowance provided for by this chapter, and no person shall, for a consideration, discount or attempt to discount, or for a consideration, advance money upon any certificate or certificates issued pursuant to this chapter. Any violation of this section shall be a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 12. Neither the state auditor nor his authorized agents shall accept any certificate presented for the purpose of obtaining the benefits of this act after twelve o'clock noon on December 31, 1957, nor shall he draw any warrant for the payment of any compensation authorized by this act unless a formal application has been filed on or before the hour and date set forth above.

The state auditor and his authorized agents shall have until December 31, 1958, to process all applications filed pursuant to this act and microfilm all records pertaining thereto.

Sec. 13. If any section or provision of this act shall for any reason be held invalid, such decision shall not invalidate the remaining portions of this act.

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