

CHAPTER 47.

[S. B. 10.]

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS BY MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES AND U. S. MERCHANT MARINE.

AN ACT relating to acknowledgments of written instruments and to acknowledgments by persons serving in or with the armed forces of the United States within or without the United States and by persons employed on a merchant vessel of the United States Merchant Marine.

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

Officers may take acknowledgments.

SECTION 1. In addition to the acknowledgment of instruments in the manner and form and as otherwise authorized by the laws of this State, any person serving in or with the armed forces of the United States may acknowledge the same wherever located before any commissioned officer in active service of the armed forces of the United States with the rank of Second Lieutenant or higher in the Army or Marine Corps, or Ensign or higher in the Navy or United States Coast Guard or master or first officer of a merchant vessel of the United States Merchant Marine. The instrument shall not be rendered invalid by the failure to state therein the place of execution or acknowledgment. No authentication of the officers' certificate of acknowledgment shall be required but the officer taking the acknowledgment shall indorse thereon or attach thereto a certificate substantially in the following form:

Form of certificate.

On this day of 19....., before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be serving in or with the armed forces of the United States or employed on a merchant vessel of the United States Merchant Marine and to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and

acknowledged thathe executed the same for the purposes therein contained. And the undersigned does further certify that he is at the date of this certificate the master or first officer of a merchant vessel of the United States Merchant Marine or a commissioned officer of the rank stated below in the active service of the armed forces of the United States.

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Signature of Officer

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Rank of Officer and Command or Vessel
to which attached.

SEC. 2. All acknowledgments heretofore taken before officers of the United States Army in accordance with the terms and provisions of Public Law No. 800, 77th Congress, chapter 730, Second Session are hereby validated.

Prior acts
validated.

SEC. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and shall take effect immediately.

Effective
immediately.

Passed the Senate January 26, 1943.

Passed the House February 24, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 1, 1943.