

## CHAPTER 49.

[S. B. 97.]

## MILITIA.

AN ACT relating to the militia and amending Section 8497 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington, the same being 3765-43 of Pierce's Code, repealing Section 8506 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington, the same being 3765-52 of Pierce's Code, amending Section 8507 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington, the same being 3765-53 of Pierce's Code, amending Section 8515 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington, the same being 3765-61 of Pierce's Code, amending Section 8598 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington, the same being 3765-144 of Pierce's Code, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 8497 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of the State of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Amends Rem.  
Comp. Stat.  
§ 8497;  
Pierce's Code  
§ 3765-43.

Section 8497. Every commissioned officer of the organized militia of Washington shall within sixty days from the date of the order whereby he shall have been appointed, provide himself at his own expense, with the arms, uniforms and equipments prescribed by the governor for his rank and assignment.

Officers,  
arms and  
equipment.

There shall be audited and paid annually on the first day of April in each year, to each properly armed, uniformed and equipped officer of the active list of the organized militia of Washington, a uniform allowance of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, subject to such regulations as the commander in chief may prescribe.

Allowance.

SEC. 2. That Section 8506 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of the State of Washington, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Repeals Rem.  
Comp. Stat.  
§ 8506;  
Pierce's Code  
§ 3765-52.

SEC. 3. That Section 8507 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of the State of Washington, be amended to read as follows:

Amends Rem.  
Comp. Stat.  
§ 8507;  
Pierce's Code  
§ 3765-53.

Section 8507. Every member of the organized militia of Washington who shall be wounded or dis-

Pensions.

abled while on duty in the service of the state shall be taken care of and provided for at the expense of the state, and if permanently disabled shall receive the like pensions or reward that persons under similar circumstances in the military service of the United States receive from the United States: *Provided*, That no pension shall be granted for any disability received while in the service of the United States, or while proceeding to or returning from such service. Before the name of any person is placed upon the pension roll under this section proof shall be made, under such regulations as the governor may from time to time prescribe, that the applicant is entitled to such pension: *Provided, further*, That in the event the organized militia of the State of Washington shall be brought within the provisions of the industrial insurance laws of the State of Washington, the provisions in this section shall be of no force and effect.

Amends Rem.  
Comp. Stat.  
§ 8515;  
Pierce's Code  
§ 3765-61.

SEC. 4. That Section 8515 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of the State of Washington, be amended to read as follows:

Social clubs.

Section 8515. The officers, or the officers and enlisted men of any regiment, battalion, company or similar unit of the organized militia of Washington, or the officers and enlisted men of any two or more companies or similar units of the organized militia of the State of Washington, located at the same station, are hereby authorized to organize themselves into a corporation for social purposes and for the purpose of holding, acquiring and disposing of such property, real or personal, as such military organizations may possess or acquire. Such corporation shall not engage in business and shall not be required to pay any filing or license fee to the state.

Dissolution  
of unit.

The dissolution or disbandment of any such unit as a military organization shall not operate to ter-

minate the existence of the corporation, but the existence of the same shall continue for the period limited in its articles of incorporation for the benefit of such corporation.

Upon the dissolution or disbandment of any such unit which shall not have incorporated, and which shall at the time of such dissolution or disbandment possess any funds or property, the title to such funds or property shall immediately vest in the State of Washington, and the adjutant-general shall take possession thereof and dispose of the same to the best interest of the organized militia of Washington.

Dissolution of unincorporated unit.

SEC. 5. Section 8598 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Amends Rem. Comp. Stat. § 8598; Pierce's Code § 3765-144.

Section 8598. The commander-in-chief shall promulgate in general orders such regulations for the use of armories, rifle ranges, and other real property owned or leased by the state for federal or state military purposes as may be proper: *Provided*, That no armory shall be used for any other than a strictly military purpose without the recommendation of the officer in charge thereof: *And provided further*, That all civilian rifle clubs affiliated with the National Rifle Association of America shall be permitted the use of the rifle ranges in the armories owned by the state at least one night each week under such regulations as the commander-in-chief may direct: *And provided further*, That one room shall be set aside for the exclusive use of all veteran organizations subject to the direction of the officer in charge thereof; and the members of all veteran organizations and their auxiliaries shall have, at all times, access to said room, and said room shall be provided with furniture, heat, light and janitor service out of the maintenance item from the military fund, and said veteran organizations and their auxiliaries

Armories, rifle range, other property.

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shall bear no expense or expenses whatever in connection with the maintenance, heating, lighting and furnishing of such room. *And provided further*, that state armories shall be available for civic purposes to the fullest extent, not in conflict with federal or state military requirements. The revenue derived from the rental thereof shall constitute a special fund from which the commander-in-chief shall pay, or cause to be paid upon vouchers to be returned to the state, the expenses incident thereto. The balance remaining shall be turned into the State Treasury under such regulations as the commander-in-chief may direct, and credited to the military fund.

Emergency.

SEC. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate February 2, 1923.

Passed the House February 14, 1923.

Permitted to become a law without the signature of the Governor.

J. GRANT HINKLE,  
*Secretary of State.*