

CHAPTER 16.

[H. B. 230.]

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE CERTIFICATES
OF VETERANS.

AN ACT directing County Clerks and County Auditors to furnish free of charge marriage and divorce certificates for use in connection with claims affecting deceased veterans.

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

Certificates furnished free of charge.

SECTION 1. County Clerks and County Auditors, respectively, are authorized and directed to furnish free of charge to the legal representative, surviving spouse, child or parent of any deceased veteran certified copies of marriage certificates, decrees of divorce or annulment, or other documents contained in their files affecting the marital status of such veteran whenever any such document shall be required in connection with any claim pending before the United States Veterans' Bureau or other governmental agency administering benefits to war veterans.

Passed the House February 4, 1949.

Passed the Senate February 11, 1949.

Approved by the Governor February 16, 1949.

CHAPTER 17.

[S. B. 15.]

STATE OFFICERS' AND EMPLOYEES'
EXPENSE ALLOWANCE.

AN ACT relating to state officers and amending sections 1 and 2, chapter 86, Laws of 1943 (1943 Rem. Supp. secs. 10981-1 and 10981-2).

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 86, Laws of 1943 (1943 Rem. Supp., sec. 10981-1) is amended to read as follows:

Per diem rates.

Section 1. The heads of all state departments may prescribe per diem rates of allowance, not

exceeding seven dollars (\$7) in lieu of subsistence and lodging to elective and appointive officials and state employees while engaged on official business away from their designated posts of duty, but within the State of Washington or an adjoining state, and not exceeding nine dollars (\$9) per day while engaged on official business elsewhere.

SEC. 2. Section 2, chapter 86, Laws of 1943 (1943 Rem. Supp., sec. 10981-2) is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Section 2. Whenever it becomes necessary for an elective or appointive official or employee of the state to travel away from his designated post of duty while engaged on official business, and it is found to be more advantageous and economical to the state that he travel by a privately owned automobile rather than by a common carrier, he shall be allowed a mileage rate not to exceed eight cents (8¢) a mile. Mileage rate for private cars.

Passed the Senate January 19, 1949.

Passed the House February 10, 1949.

Approved by the Governor February 16, 1949.

CHAPTER 18.

[S. B. 43.]

RHODODENDRON, OFFICIAL STATE FLOWER.

AN ACT designating the Rhododendron (*Californicum*) as the official flower of the State of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That the Rhododendron (*Californicum*) be, and the same is hereby designated as, the official flower of the State of Washington. Official state flower.

Passed the Senate February 11, 1949.

Passed the House February 10, 1949.

Approved by the Governor February 16, 1949.