

CHAPTER 29.

[S. B. 168.]

VETERANS' WELFARE COMMISSION.

AN ACT relating to the relief of veterans of the war with the central allied powers, repealing Chapter 9, Laws of 1919, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. The Veterans' Welfare Commission of the State of Washington shall on or before the 28th day of February, 1921, transfer to the State Adjutant Finance Officer of the American Legion, Department of Washington all moneys and personal property of every kind and description now in its possession or control and shall take receipts therefor and file such receipts with the proper state officer or department: *Provided*, that the records and files of the Veterans' Welfare Commission, including all promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness due and owing to the state or said Commission, shall be transmitted to the State Auditor.

Transfer of
all property.

SEC. 2. The moneys and personal property so transferred shall be used by the proper governing body of the American Legion, Department of Washington, for the relief of persons who served in the military, naval or air forces of the United States or its allies in the war with the Central Allied Powers and who shall be in necessitous circumstances through disability, lack of employment or any other cause. In such cases preference shall be given to the relief of veterans who shall be found to be suffering from some disability incurred in line of duty and for whom no provision has been made by the Federal government.

Use of
money and
property.

SEC. 3. All loans or advancements heretofore made by the Veterans' Welfare Commission under

Payment of
loans and
advance-
ments.

the provisions of Chapter 9, Laws of 1919, shall be payable to the state auditor from and after the first day of March, 1921, but in such cases the state auditor shall transmit the amount thereof to the State Adjutant Finance Officer of the American Legion, Department of Washington, to be expended for the purposes specified in Section 2 of this act.

Repealing
clause.

SEC. 4. Chapter 9, Laws of 1919, shall be repealed as of March 1, 1921.

Vetoed,
L. F. H.

SEC. 5. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund for the American Legion, Department of Washington, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be expended for the purposes specified in Section 2 of this act.

Record of
expendi-
tures.

SEC. 6. The American Legion, Department of Washington, shall keep proper records of all expenditures which shall be audited by the director of efficiency.

Emergency.

SEC. 7. This act is necessary for the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed by the Senate February 24, 1921.

Passed by the House February 25, 1921.

Approved by the Governor, with the exception of section 5, which is vetoed, February 28, 1921.