

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

Clerk of court to transmit to state registrar of vital statistics certified copy of decree.

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.

Repeal.

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Laws of 1943, and sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, chapter 251, Laws of 1947, and RCW 26.32.010 through 26.32.160 are each repealed.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:*

Recognition of service.

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 outside 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 compensation 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.

Qualifications for veterans' bonus; formula to determine sum due.

Persons not eligible.

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 compensation is requested, or in case he left no widow or in case his widow has remarried and he has left

Payment in case of death of qualified person prior to June 10, 1955.

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.

Parent not eligible; when.

"Person," shall not include.

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.

"Person," shall include.

Disbursements made upon presentation of certificate.

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.

Form, verification and contents.

The state auditor may require such further information 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 satisfactory to the state auditor.

Evidence of honorable discharge.

The state auditor shall draw warrants in payment 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.

Warrants drawn against war veterans' compensation fund.

No payments 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 incompetent at the time application is made, said compensation may be paid to any guardian, committee, conservator, or curator duly appointed, pursuant to the laws of the state of residence of said incompetent

Payment where compensation due to person who is mentally incompetent at time of application.

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.

Qualification on use of funds.

Application for mental incompetent.

Certification under oath.

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.

Compensation paid deemed complete settlement.

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.

Forms furnished by state auditor free of charge.

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

County clerk or auditor authorized to act for state auditor in receiving applications.

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.

Expenses; payment from.

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.

Executive officer of veterans' rehabilitation council to advise and assist state auditor.

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.

Moneys made available for payment of compensation herein authorized and expenses necessary to carry out act's provisions.

SEC. 10. Any person who with intent to defraud, subscribes to any false oath or makes any false

False representations to obtain funds hereunder constitutes felony.

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.

No charge for services.

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.

Violation deemed gross misdemeanor.

Time limitation on filing.

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.

Time limitation on processing of applications.

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.

Invalidity.

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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