

CHAPTER 64

[Senate Bill No. 2101]

ESTATES OF DECEASED VETERANS—ADMINISTRATION BY DIRECTOR OF
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

AN ACT Relating to estates of deceased veterans; and amending section 1, chapter 4, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. as last amended by section 3, chapter 31, Laws of 1977 and RCW 73.04.130.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 4, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. as last amended by section 3, chapter 31, Laws of 1977 and RCW 73.04.130 are each amended to read as follows:

The director of the department of veterans affairs or his designee is authorized to act as executor under the last will, or as administrator of the estate of any deceased veteran, or as the guardian or duly appointed federal fiduciary of the estate of any insane or incompetent veteran, or as guardian or duly appointed federal fiduciary of the estate of any person who is a bona fide resident of the state of Washington and who is certified by the veterans' administration as having money due from the veterans' administration, the payment of which is dependent upon the appointment of a guardian or other type fiduciary. No fee shall be allowed or paid to the director or his designee for acting as executor, administrator, guardian or fiduciary, or to any attorney for the director or his designee.

The director or his designee, or any other interested person may petition the appropriate court for the appointment of the director or his designee. Any such petition by the director or his designee shall be without cost and without fee. If appointed, the director or his designee may serve without bond. This section shall not affect the prior right to act as administrator of a veterans' estate of such persons as are denominated in RCW 11.28.120 (1) and (2), nor shall this section affect the appointment of executor made in the last will of any veteran, nor shall this section apply to estates larger than (~~seventy-five hundred~~) fifteen thousand dollars.

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