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Honorably discharged disabled members of Federal forces, incapacitated from earning a living.

of such home: All persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States, including the Organized Militia, the National Guard, and the Naval Militia, when called into the Federal service, and were separated therefrom under honorable conditions, who have no adequate means of support and, by reason of diseases or wounds, are either temporarily or permanently incapacitated from earning a living.

Amount authorized.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated not more than the sum of $700,000 in order to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this Act, of which amount $600,000 shall be available for the construction of the three cottages and $100,000 for the hospital annex, including the construction of such necessary approach work, roadways, and other facilities leading thereto, heating and ventilating apparatus, furniture, equipment, and accessories, as may be approved by the board of managers.

Separation for cottages and hospital.

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CHAP. 505.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a national arboretum, and for other purposes.

National arboretum, D. C.
Establishment authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to establish and maintain a national arboretum for purposes of research and education concerning tree and plant life. For the purposes of this Act, (1) the President is authorized to transfer to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture by Executive order any land which now belongs to the United States within or adjacent to the District of Columbia located along the Anacostia River north of Benning Bridge, and (2) the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized in his discretion to acquire, within the limits of the appropriation authorized by this Act by private purchase, condemnation proceedings, or gift, land so located or other land within or adjacent to the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That the purchase price of any part of said land shall not exceed the full value assessment of such property last made before purchase thereof plus 25 per centum of such assessed value.

Transfer of land along Anacostia River to Secretary of Agriculture.

Acquiring other land by purchase, etc.

Proviso.
Restriction on purchase price.

Amount authorized for purchase.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sum not to exceed $300,000, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture for the acquisition of land as specified in section 1. No payment shall be made by the United States for any such land until the title thereto is satisfactory to the Attorney General and is vested in the United States.

No payment until title vested.

Under scientific direction.

SEC. 3. In order to stimulate research and discovery the national arboretum established by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall be under competent scientific direction. The arboretum shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture separately from the agricultural, horticultural, and forestry stations of the Department of Agriculture, but it shall be so correlated with them as to bring about the most effective utilization of its facilities and discoveries.

Separate administration.

Advisory council created for plan and development.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to create an advisory council in relation to the plan and development of the national arboretum to be established under this Act, to include representatives of national organizations interested in the work of the arboretum.

Approved, March 4, 1927.