

New section.
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Punishment for
counterfeiting, etc., ad-
justed service certifi-
cates.

Arrest, etc., of guilty
parties.

New section effective
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Administration of
oaths.
State, etc., officers
authorized for, required
by United States.

SEC. 12. Title VII of such Act is amended by adding at the end thereof a new section to read as follows:

"SEC. 704. Whoever falsely makes, forges, counterfeits, or alters, or causes or procures to be made, forged, counterfeited, or altered, or willingly aids or assists in falsely making, forging, counterfeiting, or altering an adjusted service certificate issued under authority of this Act, or whoever passes, utters, publishes, or sells, or attempts to pass, utter, publish, or sell, any such false, forged, counterfeited, or altered certificate, with intent to defraud the United States or any person, or whoever has in possession any such falsely made, forged, counterfeited, or altered certificate, with intent to unlawfully use the same, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 and imprisonment not more than fifteen years. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to direct and use the Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department to detect, arrest, and deliver into the custody of the United States marshal having jurisdiction any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this section."

SEC. 13. Title VII of such Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof a new section to take effect as of May 19, 1924, and to read as follows:

"SEC. 705. Whenever it appears to the Director, by evidence clear and satisfactory to him, that any adjusted service certificate has, without bad faith upon the part of the person entitled to payment thereon, been lost, destroyed, wholly or in part, or so defaced as to impair its value to the rightful holder, and such adjusted service certificate is identified by number and description, the Director shall under such regulations and with such restrictions as to time and retention for security or otherwise as he may prescribe, issue a duplicate thereof of like value in all respects to the original certificate and so marked as to show the original number of the certificate lost, destroyed, or defaced, and the date thereof. The lawful holder of such certificate who makes application for a duplicate shall surrender the original, if existing, or so much thereof as may remain and shall file in the United States Veterans' Bureau a bond in a penal sum of the face value of such lost, destroyed, or defaced certificate, with two good and sufficient securities, residents of the United States, to be approved by the Director, with condition to indemnify and save harmless the United States from any claim upon such lost, destroyed, or defaced certificate."

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CHAP. 752.—An Act To authorize notaries public and other State officers to administer oaths required by the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases in which, under the laws of the United States, oaths are authorized or required to be administered, they may be administered by notaries public duly appointed in any State, District, or Territory of the United States, by clerks and prothonotaries of courts of record of any such State, District, or Territory, by the deputies of such clerks and prothonotaries, and by all magistrates authorized by the laws of or pertaining to any such State, District, or Territory to administer oaths.

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