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Invalidity of any provision, etc., not to affect remainder of Act.

SEC. 19. That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid the validity of the remainder of the Act and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Act effective on approval.

SEC. 20. That this Act shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Approved, February 18, 1929.

February 18, 1929.
[S. 1281.]
[Public, No. 771.]

CHAP. 258.—An Act To amend section 7 (a) of the Act of March 3, 1925 (Forty-third Statutes, page 1119), as amended by section 2 of the Act of July 3, 1926 (Forty-fourth Statutes, page 812), so as to provide operators' permits free of cost to enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard operating Government-owned vehicles in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia Traffic Act, 1925. Operators' permits.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 7 (a) of the Act known as the "District of Columbia Traffic Act, 1925," approved March 3, 1925 (Forty-third Statutes, page 1119), as amended by section 2 of the Act of July 3, 1926 (Forty-fourth Statutes, page 812), be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding at the end thereof the following proviso: *Provided*, That enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard shall be issued, without charge, a permit to operate Government-owned vehicles, while engaged in official business, upon the presentation of a certificate from their commanding officers to the effect that they are assigned to operate a Government vehicle and are qualified to drive, and upon proving to the satisfaction of the director of traffic that they are familiar with the traffic regulations of the District of Columbia.

Vol. 43, p. 1121. Vol. 44, p. 814, amended.

Issue without charge to enlisted men of Army, etc., operating Government vehicles on official business.

Approved, February 18. 1929.

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[S. 4441.]
[Public, No. 772.]

CHAP. 259.—An Act To amend the laws relating to assessment and collection of taxes in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia. Remedies for collecting taxes on personal property available for intangible taxes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the remedies provided in the Act of July 1, 1902, for the collection of taxes on tangible personal property, shall be available also for the collection of taxes on intangible property.

All common-law, etc., remedies also available for all taxes.

In addition to the statutory remedies, all common-law and all equitable remedies shall also be available, either separately or concurrently with statutory remedies, as may be deemed advisable, for the collection of all taxes and special assessments of any kind whatsoever.

Real estate levied for personal taxes may be sold under equity decree if price offered at auction insufficient for taxes, etc.

SEC. 2. Where real estate is levied upon for the nonpayment of personal taxes of any kind, and the best price offered at an auction sale is not sufficient to pay taxes, interest, and penalties, said real estate may be sold under decree of the equity court as provided by law.

Taxable motor vehicles assessed at value as of January 1, each year.

SEC. 3. From and after the close of the current calendar year, motor vehicles taxable by the District of Columbia shall be assessed at their value as of January 1, each year, by the Board of Personal Tax Appraisers, subject to revision on appeal by the Board of Personal Tax Appeals, at the rate fixed for the taxation of other tangible personal property for the fiscal year ending the following June 30. The first assessment made under this section shall be at one-half such rate, to cover only the period from the following July 1 to

First assessment at one-half rate, from July 1 to December 1.