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[CHAPTER 848.]

AN ACT

June 26, 1936.
[H. R. 13001.]
[Public, No. 833.]

To eliminate unnecessary expense in the administration of estates of deceased and incompetent veterans, and for other purposes.

Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936, amendment.
Ante, pp. 1101, 1396.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the last sentence of the first paragraph thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following sentences: "In cases of deceased or incompetent veterans, the payments provided by this paragraph, whether of the amount certified, by issuance of bonds and by checks payable out of the fund created by section 505 of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act, as amended, or whether of such bonds on redemption thereof, shall be made to the person or persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury to be lawfully entitled thereto, without the necessity of the appointment by judicial proceedings or otherwise of a legal representative of the estate of any veteran or of any other persons, or of compliance with State law in respect of the administration of estates. Such checks may be endorsed on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury in the name of the veteran, if that is determined by the Secretary to be appropriate for the effectuation hereof. All determinations by the Secretary of the Treasury under this paragraph shall be final and conclusive and neither any other official of the United States nor, except in the case of prior judicial determination, any State or Federal court, shall have jurisdiction to review any such determination. The provisions of this paragraph shall be carried out subject to regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury to be issued from time to time to effectuate the purposes of this Act."

Payments, in cases of deceased or incompetent veterans.
Vol. 43, p. 128.
U. S. C., p. 1685.

Determination by Secretary of Treasury of person entitled thereto.

Finality of determination.

Administrative regulations.

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[CHAPTER 849.]

AN ACT

June 26, 1936.
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For the improvement and protection of the beaches along the shores of the United States.

Improvement and protection of beaches along shores of United States.
Policy declared.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States to assist in the construction where Federal interests are involved, but not the maintenance, of works for the improvement and protection of the beaches along the shores of the United States, and to prevent erosion due to the action of waves, tides, and currents, with the purpose of preventing damage to property along the shores of the United States, and promoting and encouraging the healthful recreation of the people. As used in this Act, the word "beaches" includes all those situated on the coasts of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, and the shores of the Great Lakes, and all estuaries and bays directly connected therewith.

"Beaches" construed.

Studies by Beach Erosion Board to determine methods of beach protection and restoration.
Vol. 46, p. 945.

Locations for recreational facilities.
Publication of useful data.

SEC. 2. (a) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of War, through the Beach Erosion Board, organized under the provisions of section 2 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, approved July 3, 1930, to make investigations with a view to determining the most suitable methods of beach protection and restoration of beaches in different localities; to advise the States, counties, municipalities, or individuals of the appropriate locations for recreational facilities; and to publish from time to time such useful data and information concerning the protection of beaches as the Board may deem to be of value to the