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tor of Veterans' Affairs, or upon his authorized attorney in the State wherein the action or proceedings may be pending: *Provided, however*, That notice may be waived by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs or by his authorized attorney, in which event the finding, judgment, or decree shall have the same effect as if said Administrator were a party and served with notice. Any necessary court costs or expenses if authorized by the Administrator may be paid as are other administrative expenses of the Veterans' Administration.

Waiver of notice.

Court costs.

"SEC. 8. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs shall prescribe a form of application for hospital treatment and domiciliary care which shall include notice of the provisions of this Act. Within ninety days after approval hereof similar notice shall be given to each veteran then receiving care in any facility or hospital as described in this Act: *Provided, however*, That this requirement shall be met by posting of said notice with a copy of the prescribed form in a prominent place in each building wherein patients or members are housed.

Application form.
Notice of provisions of this Act.

Proviso.
Posting of notices.

"SEC. 9. Moneys in the General Post Fund not required for current disbursement may be invested and reinvested by the Secretary of the Treasury in interest-bearing obligations of the United States or in obligations guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the United States.

Investment of moneys.

"SEC. 10. Any provision of law in conflict with this Act is modified accordingly, but nothing herein shall be construed to repeal or modify Public Law Numbered 262, approved August 12, 1935 (49 Stat. 607; 38 U. S. C. 450), or any amendments thereto, or Public Law Numbered 734, approved June 25, 1938 (52 Stat. 1189; 38 U. S. C. 16).

Modification of conflicting provisions.

"SEC. 11. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs shall have power to issue rules or regulations necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Act."

Rules and regulations.

Approved, December 26, 1941.

[CHAPTER 635]

AN ACT

December 26, 1941
[H. R. 5558]
[Public Law 383]

Increasing motor-vehicle-fuel taxes in the District of Columbia for the period January 1, 1942, to June 30, 1951.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the tax of 2 cents per gallon on motor-vehicle fuels within the District of Columbia, sold or otherwise disposed of by an importer, or used by him in a motor vehicle operated for hire or for commercial purposes, imposed by the Act of April 23, 1924, as amended, is hereby increased 1 cent per gallon effective January 1, 1942, and extending to and including June 30, 1951. When, pursuant to section 14 of such Act, gasoline or other motor-vehicle fuel is sold by an agency of the United States within the District of Columbia, for use in privately owned vehicles, such agency of the United States shall, by agreement with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, arrange for the collection of the full amount of the tax per gallon herein authorized to be imposed and as increased by this section for the period January 1, 1942, to and including June 30, 1951, and shall account to the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia for the proceeds of such tax collections.

District of Columbia.
Increase of motor-vehicle-fuel taxes.

43 Stat. 106.
D. C. Code §§ 47-1901 to 47-1916.

Sales by U. S. agency for private use.
43 Stat. 109.
D. C. Code § 47-1912.

SEC. 2. The Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for a tax on motor-vehicle fuels sold within the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved April 23, 1924, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the word "last" wherever the same occurs in sections 4, 5, and 6 of said Act and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "twenty-fifth".

Amendments.

43 Stat. 107.
D. C. Code §§ 47-1904 to 47-1906.

Approved, December 26, 1941.