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SEC. 3. Section 7 of said District of Columbia Motor Vehicle Parking Facility Act of 1942 is hereby amended by inserting after the figures and abbreviation "(52 Stat. 192)," the words "and the Act entitled 'An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to provide for the parking of automobiles in the Municipal Center', approved June 6, 1940,".

56 Stat. 93.
D. C. Code, Supp. III, § 40-808.

54 Stat. 241.

Approved December 16, 1944.

[CHAPTER 596]

AN ACT

December 16, 1944
[H. R. 3619]
[Public Law 491]

To amend sections 675 and 676 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Code of Law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, regulating the disposal of dead human bodies in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 675 and 676 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Code of Law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1296), be amended to read as follows:

District of Columbia Code, amendments.
D.C. Code §§ 27-118, 27-119.

"SEC. 675. REMOVAL OF DEAD BODIES.—No dead body of any human being or any part of such body shall, in said District, be removed from place to place, interred, or in any manner disposed of without a permit for such removal, interment, or disposal granted by the Health Officer of said District, or by the proper municipal, county, or State authorities at the place where the death or disinterment occurred, except that permits for the removal of dead bodies from place to place within the District of Columbia may be issued by any deputy duly appointed as hereinafter prescribed. No human body or any part of such body shall be removed from place to place, interred, or in any manner disposed of otherwise than in accordance with the terms of said permit. Permits issued by the Health Officer or any duly appointed deputy for the removal, interment, or disposal of such dead body or part thereof shall be issued only upon the presentation of a proper death certificate, signed by a physician registered at the Health Department of said District, who has attended the deceased during his or her last illness, or by the coroner of said District or his deputy. No body shall be disinterred in the District of Columbia without a permit granted by the Health Officer. Permits for disinterment (including permission to reinter or transport the body disinterred) shall be issued only upon the written application of the nearest relative or the legal representative of the deceased. No superintendent or other person in charge of any cemetery in said District or other place for the disposal of dead bodies shall assist in or assent to or allow any such interment, disinterment, or disposition to be made in such cemetery or place until permit shall be given as aforesaid. It shall be the duty of the Health Officer of the District of Columbia to furnish all superintendents or other persons in charge of cemeteries in the District of Columbia with a currently correct list of all municipal, county, and State officials authorized to issue burial or removal permits in adjoining States. It shall be the duty of every such superintendent or other person who shall receive any such permit aforesaid to endorse thereon the date of the interment, disinterment, or disposal and to sign and forward the same before 6 o'clock postmeridian of the Saturday following the day of burial, disinterment, or disposal to the Health Officer of said District.

Permits for removal of dead human bodies.

Disinterment.

List of authorized officials in adjoining States.

Endorsement of permit.

"SEC. 675. (a) APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTIES TO ISSUE REMOVAL PERMITS.—The Commissioners of the District of Columbia, upon recommendation of the Health Officer, may appoint a reasonable number of District of Columbia and United States employees as deputies who shall be authorized to issue permits for the removal of dead human

bodies from place to place within the District of Columbia, in accordance with the provisions of section 675 of this code. Such deputies shall be furnished with a currently correct list of names of physicians registered at the Health Department of the District of Columbia to enable them to ascertain the authenticity of death certificates.

Permits for conveyance through D. C.

"SEC. 676. CONVEYANCE THROUGH THE DISTRICT.—No dead body or part of the dead body of any human being shall be in any manner carried or conveyed from, in, to, or through said District by any person, or by means of any boat, vessel, car, stage, or other vehicle, or by any public or private conveyance, without a permit therefor first granted by the Health Officer of said District, or any duly appointed deputy, or by the proper municipal, county, or State authorities at the place where the death or disinterment occurred: *Provided*, That bodies or parts of dead bodies aforesaid, except such as have died of Asiatic cholera, yellow fever, typhus fever, smallpox (including varioloid), leprosy, the plague, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, may be brought into said District, carried through the same in transit upon a permit of the proper authorities, and whenever the remains of any deceased person have been conveyed, transferred, or removed beyond the limits of said District it shall be the duty of the person or agent or officer of the corporation having charge of such conveyance, transfer, or removal to detach, date, sign, and return to the Health Officer the permit authorizing such conveyance, transfer, or removal before 6 o'clock postmeridian of the Saturday following the day of such conveyance, transfer, or removal of said remains."

Endorsement.

Approved December 16, 1944.

[CHAPTER 597]

December 16, 1944
[H. R. 3720]
[Public Law 492]

AN ACT

To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to appoint notaries public.

Notaries public, D. C.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 558 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, title 1, sec. 501), be further amended to read as follows:

31 Stat. 1279.

Appointment by Commissioners.

"SEC. 558. NOTARIES.—The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall have power to appoint such number of notaries public, residents of said District, or whose sole place of businesss or employment is located within said District, as, in their discretion, the business of the District may require: *Provided*, That the appointment of any person as such notary public, or the acceptance of his commission as such, or the performance of the duties thereunder, shall not disqualify or prevent such person from representing clients before any of the departments of the United States Government in the District of Columbia or elsewhere: *Provided further*, That such person so appointed as a notary public who appears to practice or represent clients before any such department is not otherwise engaged in Government employ, and shall be admitted by the heads of such departments to practice therein in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed for other persons or attorneys who are admitted to practice therein: *And provided further*, That no notary public shall be authorized to take acknowledgments, administer oaths, certify papers, or perform any official acts in connection with matters in which he is employed as counsel, attorney, or agent, or in which he may be in any way interested before any of the departments aforesaid.

Representing of clients before Government departments.

Condition.

Disqualifications.

"Each notary public before obtaining his commission, and for each renewal thereof, shall pay to the Collector of Taxes of the District

License fee.