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[CHAPTER 101]

AN ACT

April 27, 1945
[S. 638]
[Public Law 45]

To amend the Code of Laws of the District of Columbia by adding a new section 548a, and providing for the recording of veterans' discharge certificates.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Code of Laws of the District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901, be amended by adding thereto the following new section:

District of Columbia Code, amendment.
31 Stat. 1275.
D. C. Code § 45-701.
Recording of veterans' service and discharge certificates.

"SEC. 548a. The recorder shall also receive for record and record all certificates of service and certificates of discharge of persons released from active duty in or discharged from the armed forces of the United States, for which no fee shall be charged or collected, but the record of any certificate authorized by this section to be recorded shall not constitute constructive notice of the existence or contents of such certificate. For making certified copies of any of the foregoing certificates from the records in the office of the recorder the usual fees shall be charged."

Approved April 27, 1945.

[CHAPTER 102]

AN ACT

April 28, 1945
[S. 123]
[Public Law 46]

To amend section 14 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for commitments to, maintenance in, and discharges from the District Training School, and for other purposes", approved March 3, 1925, and to amend section 15 thereof, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 14 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for commitments to, maintenance in, and discharges from the District Training School, and for other purposes", approved March 3, 1925, and section 15 thereof, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

District Training School.

43 Stat. 1137, 1138.
D. C. Code §§ 32-615, 32-616.
Liability of estate of public patient for maintenance.

"SEC. 14. If the order for admission is as a public patient, and it shall appear then or at any time thereafter that the patient has an estate out of which the Government may be reimbursed for his maintenance, in whole or in part, the court shall order the payment out of such estate of the whole or such part of the cost of maintenance of said patient at said institution as it shall deem just, regard being had for the needs of those having a legal right to support out of said estate, which said order shall remain in full force and effect unless modified by the court. Upon the death of such feeble-minded person while an inmate at such institution or within five years after discharge therefrom, his estate shall be liable to the District of Columbia for the cost of his maintenance at said institution, and the claim of the District of Columbia shall be a preferred claim.

Responsibility of designated relatives.

"SEC. 15. If the order for admission is as a public patient and the court at any time finds that the patient has not an estate out of which the District of Columbia may be fully reimbursed for his maintenance, the father, mother, husband, wife, and adult children of such feeble-minded person, if of sufficient ability, shall pay the cost to the District of Columbia of his maintenance at the District Training School, at Laurel, Maryland. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia may petition the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, at any time during the commitment of such feeble-minded person to said institution, to direct any such relative or relatives to

Proceedings to enforce payment.