

of the United States, as amended (31 U. S. C. 521, 543), for the purpose of cashing checks, money orders, and similar instruments in nominal amounts for the payment of money presented by veterans hospitalized or domiciled at hospitals and homes of the Veterans' Administration, and by other persons authorized by section 3 of this Act to make purchases at canteens. Such checks, money orders, and other similar instruments may be cashed outright or may be accepted, subject to strict administrative controls, in payment for merchandise or services, and the difference between the amount of the purchase and the amount of the tendered instrument refunded in cash."

38 U. S. C., Supp.
 II, § 13c note.
 Appropriations au-
 thorized.

SEC. 3. Section 4 of the Act of August 7, 1946 (60 Stat. 889, 38 U. S. C. 13c), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. To finance the establishment, maintenance, and operation of the Service there is hereby authorized to be appropriated from time to time such amounts as are necessary to provide for (a) the acquisition of necessary furniture, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of canteens, warehouses, and storage depots; (b) stocks of merchandise and supplies for canteens and reserve stocks of same in warehouses and storage depots; (c) salaries, wages, and expenses of all employees; (d) administrative and operation expenses and premiums on fidelity bonds of employees; and (e) adequate working capital for each canteen and for the Service as a whole. Amounts heretofore or hereafter appropriated under the authority contained in this Act, as amended, and all income from canteen operations become and will be administered as a revolving fund to effectuate the provisions of this Act, as amended."

Effective date.

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall take effect on the 1st day of July 1949.

Approved May 21, 1949.

[CHAPTER 134]

AN ACT

May 23, 1949
 [S. 460]
 [Public Law 68]

To authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to reconvey to the Helena Chamber of Commerce certain described parcels of land situated in the city of Helena, Montana.

Chamber of Com-
 merce, Helena, Mont.
 Reconveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to reconvey by quitclaim deed to the Helena Chamber of Commerce, a corporation, two parcels of land in Helena, Montana, commonly designated as lot numbered 10 and the south 55 feet of lot numbered 9 of the Henry Thompson placer mining claim in Lewis and Clark County, Montana, which parcels were conveyed to the United States of America by the Helena Chamber of Commerce by deed dated February 7, 1947, and recorded among the land records of said county, in Book 140 of Deeds at page 63.

Approved May 23, 1949.

[CHAPTER 135]

AN ACT

May 23, 1949
 [S. 461]
 [Public Law 69]

To clarify the provisions of section 602 (u) of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended.

National Service
 Life Insurance Act of
 1940, amendment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 602 (u) of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended, as