

the opinion of the superintendent of the hospital, the superintendent shall certify such fact to the Director of the Department of Corrections of the District of Columbia and such certification shall be sufficient to deliver such person to such Director according to his request."

Testimony of
physicians.

SEC. 4. The Act entitled "An Act relating to the testimony of physicians in the courts of the District of Columbia", received by the President May 13, 1896 (29 Stat. 138; sec. 14-308, D. C. Code, 1951 edition), is amended to read as follows:

"That in the courts of the District of Columbia no physician or surgeon shall be permitted, without the consent of the person afflicted, or of his legal representative, to disclose any information, confidential in its nature, which he shall have acquired in attending a patient in a professional capacity and which was necessary to enable him to act in that capacity, whether such information shall have been obtained from the patient or from his family or from the person or persons in charge of him: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to evidence in criminal cases where the accused is charged with causing the death of, or inflicting injuries upon a human being, and the disclosure shall be required in the interests of public justice: *Provided further*, That this section shall not apply to evidence relating to the mental competency or sanity of an accused in criminal trials where the accused raises the defense of insanity, or in the pretrial or post-trial proceedings involving any criminal case where a question arises concerning the mental condition of an accused or convicted person."

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 314

CHAPTER 674

AN ACT

August 9, 1955
[H. R. 4734]

To amend the provisions of the River and Harbor Act of 1954 which authorize the Secretary of the Army to reimburse local interests for work done on a dredging project at Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, California, during a period ending on July 1, 1953, by extending that period to November 7, 1953.

68 Stat. 1252.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the paragraph of section 101 of the River and Harbor Act of 1954 which begins "Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, California:" is amended by striking out "July 1, 1953" and inserting in lieu thereof "November 7, 1953".

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 315

CHAPTER 675

AN ACT

August 9, 1955
[H. R. 6727]

To authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to convey certain land to the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Milwaukee, Wis.
Conveyance.

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 and directed to convey by quitclaim deed a parcel of land containing approximately four acres, which is presently under lease to the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the Milwaukee Water Works Menominee Valley booster station, to the city of Milwaukee, a municipal subdivision of the State of Wisconsin: *Provided*, That the city of Milwaukee pay the fair market value of the said parcel of land, without improvements, as determined