

427(b) of title 37 may be paid a monthly allowance equal to \$30. For the purposes of this Act, the Vietnam conflict ends on the date designated by the President by Executive order as the date of the termination of combat activities in Vietnam.

Ante, pp. 1389, 1392.

SEC. 2. This Act takes effect on the first day of the first month which begins after the date of enactment of this Act.

Effective date.

Approved December 7, 1970.

Public Law 91-535

AN ACT

To amend the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Act.

December 8, 1970
[H. R. 9017]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, amendments.
48 Stat. 319.

SECTION 1. The last sentence of subsection (c) of section 3 of the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (D.C. Code, sec. 25-103(c)) is amended by striking out "other than champagne".

48 Stat. 997;
76 Stat. 89.

SEC. 2. Subsection (g) of section 11 of the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (D.C. Code, sec. 25-111(g)) is amended by striking out the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth sentences and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "In the case of restaurants and hotels, alcoholic beverages may be sold or served only to (1) persons seated at counters or tables, (2) persons in an enclosed or screened-off area set aside for the accommodation of persons waiting to be seated at tables, or (3) assemblages of more than six persons in a private room if such room has been previously approved by the Board. A restaurant operating on the premises of a theater, symphony hall, opera house, or other facility which has as its principal purpose the presentation of live drama, music, opera, or other performing arts, may sell and serve alcoholic beverages to seated or standing persons at locations within the facility approved by the Board. In the case of hotels, alcoholic beverages may also be sold and served in the private room of a registered guest. In the case of clubs, alcoholic beverages may be sold and served in any room or area available only to bona fide members of such club or their bona fide guests, or both."

49 Stat. 900.

SEC. 3. (a) The first sentence of section 17 of the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (D.C. Code, sec. 25-118) is amended by striking out "or knowingly employs in the sale or distribution of beverages any person who has, within five years prior thereto, been convicted of a misdemeanor under the National Prohibition Act, as amended and supplemented, or, within ten years prior thereto, been convicted of any felony,".

(b) Section 25 of such Act (D.C. Code, sec. 25-125) is amended by striking out "allow any person who has, within ten years prior thereto, been convicted of any felony, to sell, give, furnish, or distribute any beverage, nor".

48 Stat. 333.

SEC. 4. Section 26 of the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (D.C. Code, sec. 25-126) is amended—

(1) by inserting "within the District" immediately after "served" in the second sentence;

(2) by inserting immediately after such second sentence the following new sentence: "Without the District, but not more than twenty-five miles distant from the place of the hearing, such summons shall be served by a United States marshal or his deputy."; and

63 Stat. 107.
Ante, p. 570.

(3) by striking out "United States District Court for the District of Columbia" in the third and fourth sentences and inserting in lieu thereof "District of Columbia Court of General Sessions".

49 Stat. 900.

SEC. 5. The proviso in the first sentence of section 13 of the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (D.C. Code, sec. 25-114) is amended by inserting ", the holder of a retailer's license, class A," immediately after "wholesaler's license", and by inserting a comma immediately before "may store beverages".

48 Stat. 336.

SEC. 6. Section 35 of the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (D.C. Code, sec. 25-133) is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: "For purposes of this section, the extension of credit by the holder of a class A retailer's license in connection with a sale by such license holder of any beverage through a credit card or other document or device intended or adapted for the purpose of establishing credit shall be considered a sale on credit of such beverage by such license holder."

Approved December 8, 1970.

Public Law 91-536

AN ACT

December 8, 1970
[H. R. 13565]

To validate certain deeds improperly acknowledged or executed (or both) that are recorded in the land records of the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia.

D.C.
Deeds, im-
properly execu-
ted, validations
31 Stat. 1270.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 515 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901 (D.C. Code, sec. 45-408), is amended—

(1) by striking out "prior to the adoption of this code" and inserting in lieu thereof "prior to January 1, 1969,"

(2) by inserting "(1)" immediately after "in the District" in the paragraph of such section designated "Seventh" and by adding before the period at the end of such paragraph the following: ", (2) which may have been recorded without the seal of the notary public before whom the acknowledgment was taken having been first attached, (3) in which the certificate of acknowledgment is not in the prescribed form, (4) which may have been acknowledged before a person who was not a proper officer, or (5) in which the official character of the officer taking the acknowledgment is not set out in the body of the certificate", and

(3) by inserting "(a)" immediately after "Defective acknowledgments.—" and by adding at the end of such section the following new subsection:

"(b) This section shall not be construed to validate any deed with respect to which there was any misrepresentation, fraudulent act, or illegal provision in connection with its execution or acknowledgment."

Approved December 8, 1970.