Public Law 98-391
98th Congress

An Act

Aug. 21, 1984
[S. 1806]

To recognize the organization known as the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Incorporated, organized and incorporated as a nonprofit entity under the laws of the State of New York, is hereby recognized as such and is granted a Federal charter.

Corporation.
36 USC 2701

(b) The corporation shall retain and maintain its status as a corporation organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of New York.

POWERS

36 USC 2702.

SEC. 2. The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as the "corporation"), shall have only those powers granted to it through its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in the State or States in which it is incorporated and subject to the laws of such State or States.

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF CORPORATION

36 USC 2703.

SEC. 3. The objects and purposes of the corporation are those provided in its articles of incorporation and shall include a continuing commitment, on a national basis, to—

(1) maintain true allegiance to the United States of America;

(2) foster and perpetuate true Americanism;

(3) combat whatever tends to impair the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions;

(4) uphold the fair name of the Jew and fight his battles wherever unjustly assailed;

(5) encourage the doctrine of universal liberty, equal rights and full justice to all men;

(6) combat the powers of bigotry and darkness wherever originating and whatever the target;

(7) preserve the spirit of comradeship by mutual helpfulness to comrades and their families;

(8) cooperate with and support existing educational institutions and establish educational institutions, and foster the education of ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen and members of the corporation in the ideals and principles of Americanism;

(9) instill love of country and flag and to promote sound minds and bodies in members of the corporation and their youth; and

(10) preserve the memories and records of patriotic service performed by the men and women of the Jewish faith and to honor their memory and shield from neglect the graves of our heroic dead.

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SERVICE OF PROCESS

SEC. 4. With respect to service of process, the corporation shall comply with the laws of the States in which it is incorporated and those States in which it carries on its activities in furtherance of its corporate purposes. 36 USC 2704.

MEMBERSHIP

SEC. 5. Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members shall, except as provided in this Act, be as provided in the bylaws and constitution of the corporation. 36 USC 2705.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS; COMPOSITION; RESPONSIBILITIES

SEC. 6. The board of directors of the corporation and the responsibilities thereof shall be as provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated. 36 USC 2706.

OFFICERS OF CORPORATION

SEC. 7. The officers of the corporation, and the election of such officers shall be as is provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State or States wherein it is incorporated. 36 USC 2707.

RESTRICTIONS

SEC. 8. (a) No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure to any member, officer, or director of the corporation or be distributed to any such person during the life of this charter. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to the officers of the corporation or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors. 36 USC 2708.

(b) The corporation shall not make any loan to any officer, director, or employee of the corporation.

(c) The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock nor to declare or pay any dividends.

(d) The corporation shall not claim congressional approval or Federal Government authority for any of its activities.

LIABILITY

SEC. 9. The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority. 36 USC 2709.

BOOKS AND RECORDS; INSPECTION

36 USC 2710.

SEC. 10. The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall keep minutes of any proceeding of the corporation involving any of its members, the board of directors, or any committee having authority under the board of directors. The corporation shall keep at its principal office a record of the names and addresses of all members having the right to vote. All books and records of such corporation may be inspected by any member having the right to vote, or by any agent or attorney of such member, for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time. Nothing in this section shall be construed to contravene any applicable State law.

AUDIT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

SEC. 11. The first section of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for audit of accounts of private corporations established under the Federal law", approved August 30, 1964 (36 U.S.C. 1101), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(62) Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.".

ANNUAL REPORT

36 USC 2711.

SEC. 12. The corporation shall report annually to the Congress concerning the activities of the corporation during the preceding fiscal year. Such annual report shall be submitted at the same time as is the report of the audit required by section 11 of this Act. The report shall not be printed as a public document.

RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO AMEND OR REPEAL CHARTER

Congress.
36 USC 2712.

SEC. 13. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved to the Congress.

DEFINITION OF STATE

36 USC 2713.

SEC. 14. For purposes of this Act, the term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

SEC. 15. The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation as provided in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. If the corporation fails to maintain such status, the charter granted hereby shall expire. 36 USC 2714.

TERMINATION

SEC. 16. If the corporation shall fail to comply with any of the restrictions or provisions of this Act, the charter granted hereby shall expire. 36 USC 2715.

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