

Public Law 92-491

AN ACT

October 13, 1972
[H. R. 2895]

To provide for the conveyance of certain real property in the District of Columbia to the National Firefighting Museum and Center for Fire Prevention, Incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of the District of Columbia (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Commissioner") shall convey (in accordance with section 2 of this Act) to the National Firefighting Museum and Center for Fire Prevention, Incorporated, a corporation organized under the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act, all right, title, and interest of the District of Columbia in and to the real property described in section 3 of this Act. For purposes of this Act, the term "corporation" means the corporation described in this section, and the term "real property" means the real property described in section 3 of this Act.

SEC. 2. (a) The Commissioner shall not make the conveyance provided for in the first section of this Act until the Corporation has provided reasonable assurances satisfactory to the Commissioner that—

(1) adequate financial support will be available to the Corporation to restore and maintain the real property for the purposes set forth in clause (1) of subsection (b) of this section; and

(2) a sufficient amount of apparatus, equipment, and other artifacts relating to firefighting will be available to provide a suitable display on the real property.

(b) The conveyance provided for in the first section of this Act shall be made without the payment of monetary consideration by the Corporation. Such conveyance shall be made subject to the following:

(1) The Corporation shall use the real property (A) for the purposes of the Corporation stated in its articles of incorporation and bylaws as of February 28, 1969, and (B) for the purpose of maintaining and displaying such apparatus, equipment, or other artifacts relating to firefighting as may be loaned or otherwise transferred to the Corporation by the District of Columbia or the United States or other sources acceptable to the Corporation for display on the real property.

(2) If the real property shall ever cease to be used for such purposes, or if the corporation is unable prior to the expiration of the five year period immediately following the date of enactment of this Act to obtain adequate financial support to restore such property and equipment for display, all right, title, and interest in and to the real property shall, at the option of the Commissioner, revert to and become the property of the District of Columbia and the District of Columbia shall have the immediate right of entry thereon.

SEC. 3. The real property referred to in the first section of this Act is part of Record Lot 47 in Square 1200 and is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning for the same at a point on the south line of M Street, said point of beginning being 127.50 feet west of the west line of Wisconsin Avenue; and running thence east along the south line of M Street 38.38 feet to the centerline of the west wall of the premises 3208 M Street Northwest;

thence in a southerly direction along the centerline of said wall and a continuation thereof 90.0 feet;

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thence in a westerly direction along a line parallel to the south line of M Street 38.88 feet, more or less, to a point 127.50 feet west of the west line of Wisconsin Avenue;

thence in a northerly direction 90.0 feet to the point of beginning: all as shown on a plat of survey recorded in the Office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia in survey book 51, page 66.

Tax exemption.

SEC. 4. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the real property and any personal property owned by the corporation which is located on the real property shall be exempt from taxation by the District of Columbia.

(b) The property described in subsection (a) of this section shall be exempt from taxation by the District of Columbia so long as it is owned by the corporation for the purposes described in section 2(b) (1) of this Act. The provisions of sections 2, 3, and 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to define the real property exempt from taxation in the District of Columbia", approved December 24, 1942 (D.C. Code, secs. 47-801b, 47-801c, and 47-801e), shall apply with respect to the corporation and the property made exempt from taxation by this section.

56 Stat. 1091.

Repeal.

73 Stat. 446.

SEC. 5. The Act of September 1, 1959 (Public Law 86-216) is repealed.

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To amend titles 10, 32, and 37, United States Code, to authorize the establishment of a National Guard for the Virgin Islands.

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70A Stat. 3.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 101(2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting "Except as provided in section 101(1) of title 32 for laws relating to the militia, the National Guard, the Army National Guard of the United States, and the Air National Guard of the United States," before "Territory" means".

70A Stat. 596;
74 Stat. 417.

SEC. 2. (a) Section 101(1) of title 32, United States Code, is amended by adding the following new sentence at the end: "However, for purposes of this title and other laws relating to the militia, the National Guard, the Army National Guard of the United States, and the Air National Guard of the United States, 'Territory' includes the Virgin Islands."

(b) Section 307 of title 32, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection as follows:

"(g) Federal recognition may not be extended in the case of any member of the National Guard of the Virgin Islands in any grade above colonel."

76 Stat. 451.

SEC. 3. Clauses (7) and (9) of section 101 of title 37, United States Code, are each amended by inserting "the Virgin Islands", after "the Canal Zone", in each of those clauses.

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