

No. 250

AN ACT

Amending the act of May twenty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-three (Pamphlet Laws 322), entitled "An act providing for the issuance of certified copies of death, birth and marriage certificates, and divorce decrees, by county officers, free of charge, to disabled war veterans and their dependents, in death and compensation cases; and prescribing penalties," extending its provisions to veterans of armed conflicts.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section one, act of May twenty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-three (Pamphlet Laws 322), entitled "An act providing for the issuance of certified copies of death, birth and marriage certificates, and divorce decrees, by county officers, free of charge, to disabled war veterans and their dependents, in death and compensation cases; and prescribing penalties," amended May sixteen, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 576) is amended to read:

Section 1. Whenever application shall be made to the proper county officer by or on behalf of any disabled war veteran, or member of the armed forces, of any war or armed conflict in which the United States has been, is now or shall hereafter be engaged, or by or on behalf of any dependent of any such veteran, or member of the armed forces, for a certified copy of any death certificate, birth certificate, marriage certificate or decree of divorce, for use in connection with any claim for death benefits, compensation allowance, family or dependency allotment, it shall be the duty of such county officer to furnish such certified copy free of any charge therefor provided for by any law of this Commonwealth, provided that no divorce certificate shall be issued under this act unless said divorce action record shows all costs fully paid: Provided, That where any county office issues any certificate under this act, that said office shall be given an earned credit for the same by proper authorities as if the fee for said certificate had been received from person or persons applying therefor.

Disabled veterans and members of the armed forces of any war or armed conflict.

Section 1, act of May 21, 1943, P. L. 322, amended May 16, 1945, P. L. 576, further amended.

County officers to furnish certain certified copies free of charge.

Proviso.

APPROVED—The 13th day of December, A. D. 1955.

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