

No. 149

## 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.

Disabled war veterans.

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

County officers to furnish certified copies of birth, death and marriage certificates, or divorce decrees, free of any charge, when used in connection with claims for death benefits and compensation allowance.

Section 1. Whenever application shall be made to the proper county officer by or on behalf of any disabled war veteran, of any war 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, 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 and compensation allowance, 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 the proper authorities as if the fee for said certificate had been received from person or persons applying therefor.

Proviso.

Penalty.

Any county officer violating the provisions of this act, shall upon summary conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10) and costs, and in default of payment of such fine and costs shall be committed to the county jail for a period not to exceed five (5) days.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Act effective May 31, 1943.

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall become effective ten days after its final enactment.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1943.

EDWARD MARTIN