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thereon; said deed and approval shall be recorded by the register of deeds of Penobscot county in a book kept in the registry of deed in said county, upon payment of 25¢ for each deed so recorded; and until recorded as herein provided, no deed made as aforesaid shall pass any title. Sections 321 to 377, inclusive, apply to house lots on the point of Old Town Island, as well as to land allotted for agricultural purposes. (R. S. c. 22, § 347. 1949, c. 349, § 41. 1953, c. 378, § 3. 1955, c. 58.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment eliminated a former requirement that the deed and approval be recorded by the commissioner, as well as by the register of deeds of Penobscot county.

Registration of Vital Statistics.

Sec. 382. Physicians in attendance to furnish certificate of name, age, disease and date of death of deceased.—A physician who has attended a person during his last illness shall within 24 hours after the death of said person make a certificate stating, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the name of the deceased, his age, the disease of which he died and the date of his death and shall either deliver it to the person superintending the burial or leave it with the family of the deceased or at the said physician's office where it may be obtained when called for; and whenever any deceased person did not have the attendance of a physician in his or her last sickness, the person in whose house the said death occurred, or the nearest relative of the deceased shall upon finding the body immediately call a medical examiner to view the body and give to him all the information concerning said death. Upon receiving this information aforesaid the medical examiner called shall make a certificate setting forth the data he has obtained from said persons, and to the best of his knowledge and belief the cause of death. After having made the certificate as aforesaid he shall then deliver same to the funeral director in charge of the burial, or leave it with the family of the deceased where it may be obtained when called for. Any person who willfully makes a false return or willfully gives false information to be used in preparing a record of death shall be punished as provided in section 401. (R. S. c. 22, § 370. 1949, c. 59, § 1. 1951, c. 319, § 1. 1955, c. 326, § 3.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment substituted "medical examiner" for "physician" near the end of the first sentence and in the second sentence, and deleted a proviso to the third sentence relating to calling a medical examiner where a person died under suspicious or unusual circumstances.

Chapter 26.

Division of Veterans Affairs.

Divisional Organization.

Sec. 3. Duties of director.

V. Establish and maintain a permanent record of all members of the armed services from Maine who served in World War II and the Korean Campaign. (1947, c. 386, § 1. 1955, c. 460.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment added the above subsection V at the end of this section. As the rest of the section was not changed, it is not set out.

Support of Dependents of Veterans of World War I, World War II or the Korean Campaign.

Sec. 10. Definitions.

II. The term "child" shall be construed to mean a child under the age of 16,

or over age 16 and under age 18 if found by the division to be regularly attending school, or over 16 and not attending school if, prior to reaching age 16, the child becomes or has become permanently incapable of self-support by reason of mental or physical defect, and shall include a foster child, a legitimate or legally adopted child of the veteran, or a stepchild if a member of the veteran's household either at time of application, or in the event of the veteran's death, at time of death, and who continues a member of the household, or an illegitimate child, provided that the veteran has been judicially ordered or decreed by the court to contribute to the child's support, or has been judicially decreed to be the putative father or has acknowledged under oath in writing that he is the father of such child. (1955, c. 109, § 1)

III. The term "parent" shall mean the father or mother of a veteran with whom the veteran lived during his minority and for whom he would be legally responsible under the laws of the state; or the foster father or mother of a veteran. (1955, c. 109, § 2)

V. The term "World War I" shall mean that period between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, inclusive; if service was in Russia the ending date shall be on March 31, 1920. The term "World War II" shall mean that period between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946, inclusive. The term "Korean Campaign" shall mean that period between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955, inclusive. [1951, c. 157, § 2. 1955, c. 147, § 1]. (R. S. c. 22, § 299. 1947, c. 386, § 1. 1951, c. 157, §§ 1, 2. 1955, c. 109, §§ 1, 2; c. 147, § 1.)

Effect of amendments.—The first 1955 amendment inserted the words "a foster child" near the middle of subsection II and added the words "or the foster father or mother of a veteran" at the end of subsection III. The second 1955 amendment added "January 31, 1955, inclusive," at the end of the third sentence of subsection V

in lieu of the words "the date on which hostilities are declared to have ended, either by proclamation of the president or by joint resolution of congress." As the rest of the section was not changed by the amendments, only subsections II, III and V are set out.

Chapter 27.

Department of Institutional Service.

The State Prison.

Sec. 27-A. Power of officers; uniforms.—Employees of the Maine state prison shall have the same power and authority as sheriffs in their respective counties, only insofar as apprehending escapees from Maine state prison is concerned, when so authorized by the warden. Employees of the state prison shall be provided, at the expense of the state, with distinctive uniforms, for use when requisite to the performance of their official duties, all of which shall remain the property of the state. When on duty to enforce the orders of the warden, as stated above, prison employees shall be in uniform. (1955, c. 182.)

Sec. 32. Transportation of prisoners.—When any male person is convicted and sentenced to the state prison from any county, the warden shall be notified immediately and the sheriff of said county, or a sufficient number of his appointed deputies, shall then transport the convict to the state prison. The convict shall be delivered with a duly signed warrant of commitment and record, as provided by the provisions of section 13 of chapter 149, to the officer in charge of the prison before 4 P. M. on any day. The warden shall then file said warrant and record, as provided by the provisions of section 13 of chapter 149, with his return thereon in his office, and cause a copy of the warrant of commitment to be