

used by the Treasury or Post Office Department shall not exceed one-third of the market price of a new vehicle of the same make or class and in any case more than \$500.

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Togus, Me.
Hospital may be
erected at, Volunteer
Soldiers Home.
Buildings, equip-
ment, etc.
Post, p. 1016.

CHAP. 290.—An Act Authorizing the erection of a sanitary fireproof hospital at the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Togus, Maine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers be, and it is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be erected at the Eastern Branch of said home at Togus, Maine, on land now owned by the United States, a sanitary fireproof hospital of a capacity for two hundred and fifty beds. Such hospital shall include all the necessary buildings with appropriate mechanical equipment, including roads and trackage facilities leading thereto, for the accommodation of patients, and storage, laundry, and necessary furniture equipment, and accessories, as may be approved by the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Contracts author-
ized, or construction
by Board of Managers.

SEC. 2. That in carrying the foregoing authorization into effect the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers is hereby authorized to enter into contracts for the construction of the plant, or to purchase materials in the open market or otherwise, and to employ laborers and mechanics for the construction of the plant complete at a limit of cost not to exceed \$750,000.

Limit of cost.

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District of Columbia.
Declaration as to de-
velopment of.

CHAP. 291.—An Act To regulate, the height, exterior design, and construction of private and semipublic buildings in certain areas of the National Capital.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in view of the provisions of the Constitution respecting the establishment of the seat of the National Government, the duties it imposed upon Congress in connection therewith, and the solicitude shown and the efforts exerted by President Washington in the planning and development of the Capital City, it is hereby declared that such development should proceed along the lines of good order, good taste, and with due regard to the public interests involved, and a reasonable degree of control should be exercised over the architecture of private or semipublic buildings adjacent to public buildings and grounds of major importance. To this end, hereafter when application is made for permit for the erection or alteration of any building, any portion of which is to front or abut upon the grounds of the Capitol, the grounds of the White House, the portion of Pennsylvania Avenue extending from the Capitol to the White House, Rock Creek Park, the Zoological Park, the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway, Potomac Park, The Mall Park System and public buildings adjacent thereto, or abutting upon any street bordering any of said grounds or parks, the plans therefor, so far as they relate to height and appearance, color, and texture of the materials of exterior construction, shall be submitted by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to the Commission of Fine Arts; and the said commission shall report promptly to said commissioners its recommendations, including such changes, if any,

Application for per-
mits for buildings front-
ing on designated Govern-
ment property to be
submitted by Commis-
sioners, to Commission
of Fine Arts.

Report of recommen-
dations of Commission.