

relaxed by the Archivist with the concurrence in writing of the head of the agency from which the material has been transferred or by the Archivist alone if the existence of that agency shall have been terminated."

(B) By inserting after section 6 a new section as follows:

"SEC. 6a. Whenever any records the use of which is subject to statutory limitations and restrictions are transferred to the custody of the Archivist of the United States, permissive and restrictive statutory provisions with respect to the examination and use of such records applicable to the head of the agency having custody of them or to employees of that agency shall thereafter likewise be applicable to the Archivist of the United States and to the employees of the National Archives Establishment, respectively."

(C) By inserting after section 8 a new section as follows:

"SEC. 8a. Any official of the United States Government who is authorized to make certifications or determinations on the basis of records in his custody is hereby authorized to make certifications or determinations on the basis of records that have been transferred by him or his predecessors to the custody of the Archivist of the United States."

Approved March 3, 1948.

48 Stat. 1123.
44 U. S. C. § 300f.
Statutory restrictions.

48 Stat. 1123.
44 U. S. C. § 300h.
Post, p. 1026.
Certifications, etc.

[CHAPTER 90]

AN ACT

To amend subsection 602 (d) (5) of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended, to extend for two years the time within which eligible persons may apply for gratuitous insurance benefits.

March 3, 1948
[H. R. 4141]
[Public Law 429]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection 602 (d) (5) of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended (38 U. S. C. 802 (d) (5)), is amended by substituting "seven" for "five" in the first proviso, so that the subsection will read as follows:

"(5) If any person deemed to have been issued insurance under subsection (3) (A) or (B) hereof die without filing application and within the time limited therefor, death insurance benefits shall be payable in the manner and to the persons as stated in subsection (2): *Provided*, That no application for insurance payments under subsections (2) or (3) as hereby amended, shall be valid unless filed in the Veterans' Administration within seven years after the date of death of the insured and the relationship and dependency of the applicant, where required as a basis for such claim, shall be proved as of date of death of insured by evidence satisfactory to the Administrator: *And provided further*, That persons shown by evidence satisfactory to the Administrator to have been mentally or legally incompetent at the time the right to apply for continuation of insurance or for death benefits expires, may make such application at any time within one year after the removal of such disability."

Approved March 3, 1948.

National Service
Life Insurance Act of
1940, amendment.
56 Stat. 658.

[CHAPTER 91]

AN ACT

Making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1948
[H. R. 5525]
[Public Law 430]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise

Urgent Deficiency
Appropriation Act,
1948.
Post, pp. 213, 1027.