

## LAWS OF MARYLAND.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage; and, further, that all Acts inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby so far amended.

Approved April 12, 1904.

## CHAPTER 663.

AN ACT to appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the interment of the bodies of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the United or Confederate States Army or Navy between the years 1861-1865.

United States and Confederate veterans.  
WHEREAS, The ranks of the men who fought in the service of the United States and Confederate States between the years of 1861-1865 is fast being depleted, and the number of the old soldiers and sailors passing away is largely increasing; and

Decent burial.  
WHEREAS, The burden upon the survivors in providing a decent burial for those that pass away without leaving any estate is becoming too great to be borne by them; now, therefore,

Expenses of interment to be met by the State.  
SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the expenses of the interment of the bodies of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the United States or Confederate States Army or Navy between the years 1861-1865, and were honorably discharged, shall be paid by the State of Maryland; provided, that the expense of such interment shall not exceed in any one case more than thirty-five dollars; and provided, that said expense shall only be borne by the State of Maryland in the event that such deceased soldier, sailor or marine left no estate, and that the death occurred in the State of Maryland.

Certificate of burial to be endorsed by officers of organization.  
SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the Comptroller of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the State to pay the expenses hereinbefore mentioned; that before the Comptroller shall issue said warrant there shall be presented to him with an itemized bill of the undertaker, a certificate of death, stating the name and age of the deceased, together with the cause of death, if the deceased was buried in Baltimore City, and if the deceased was buried in one of the counties of the State then a certificate of the County Commissioner living nearest the place where the deceased shall have lived, or the certificate of a health officer; said certificate also to bear the endorsement