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hospital shall be vested with the same powers now exercised by superintendents of State hospitals for mental diseases within this State with reference to the retention of custody of the veteran so committed. Notice of such pending proceedings shall be furnished the person to be committed and his right to appear and defend shall not be denied.

75. When a minor ward for whom a guardian has been appointed under the provisions of this sub-title or other laws of this State shall have attained his or her majority, and if incompetent shall be declared competent by the Bureau and the court and when any incompetent ward, not a minor, shall be declared competent by said Bureau and the court, the guardian shall upon making a satisfactory accounting be discharged upon a petition filed for that purpose.

Any possible invalidity of this section would not affect the rest of the sub-title, as

provided by sec. 79.

76. This sub-title shall be construed liberally to secure the beneficial intents and purposes thereof and shall apply only to beneficiaries of the Bureau.

77. This sub-title may be cited as the "Uniform Veterans' Guardian-ship Act."

78. This sub-title shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those States which enact it.

79. The invalidity of any portion of this sub-title shall not affect the validity of any other portion thereof which can be given effect without such invalid part.

See notes to sec. 75.

80. All laws or parts of laws relating to beneficiaries of the Bureau inconsistent with this sub-title are hereby repealed.

## Veterans' Relief Fund.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 57. 1924, ch. 344, sec. 1. 1927, ch. 64. 1929, ch. 430. 1935, ch. 481, sec. 57. 1939, ch. 291, sec. 57.

81. A Veterans' Relief Fund of not less than Ninety Thousand (\$90,000) Dollars, of which amount not more than Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars may be expended for administrative purposes, including salaries, for the purpose of providing the necessities of life for such Maryland Veterans of the World War or of any other war, or the widows and infant children of such Veterans as are sick, disabled or indigent, and who are without means to pay for said necessities or for proper care, and for the purpose of providing the necessary funeral expenses of such Veterans, and for the further purpose of providing reasonable compensation