

in lieu thereof twenty-three new sections, said new sections to be known as Sections 59-80A, inclusive, of said Article, revising the Uniform Veterans' Guardianship Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 59-80, inclusive, of Article 65 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Militia", sub-title "Veterans' Guardianship", be and they are hereby repealed, and that twenty-three new sections, to be known as Sections 59-80A, inclusive, of said Article, be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

59. (DEFINITIONS.) As used in this sub-title:

"Person" means an individual, a partnership, a corporation or an association.

"Veterans Administration" means the Veterans Administration, its predecessors or successors.

"Income" means moneys received from the Veterans Administration and revenue or profit from any property wholly or partially acquired therewith.

"Estate" means income on hand and assets acquired partially or wholly with "income."

"Benefits" means all moneys paid or payable by the United States through the Veterans Administration.

"Administrator" means the Administrator of Veterans Affairs of the United States or his successor.

"Ward" means a beneficiary of the Veterans Administration.

"Guardian" means any fiduciary for the person or estate of a ward.

60. (ADMINISTRATOR AS PARTY IN INTEREST.) The Administrator shall be a party in interest in any proceeding for the appointment or removal of a guardian or for the removal of the disability of minority or mental incapacity of a ward, and in any suit or other proceeding affecting in any manner the administration by the guardian of the estate of any present or former ward whose estate includes assets derived in whole or in part from benefits heretofore or hereafter paid by the Veterans Administration. Not less than 15 days prior to hearing in such matter notice in writing of the time and place thereof shall be given by mail (unless waived in writing) to the office of the Veterans Administration having jurisdiction over the area in which any such suit or any such proceeding is pending.

61. (APPLICATION.) Whenever, pursuant to any law of the United States or regulation of the Veterans Administration, it is necessary, prior to payment of benefits, that a guardian