

the performance of such duties as the Commission may authorize and direct. Direct financial relief, under this Act, shall be limited to Veterans or the chronically sick, disabled or indigent widows or infant children of veterans who have been residents of Maryland for at least one year immediately prior to the date of their application for such relief, and providing no compensation is being received from any other state or country.

The Maryland Veterans Commission shall make and preserve a permanent registry of the graves of all persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States in time of war, and who are buried in the State of Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That a new Section be added to said Article 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be known as Section 7, to follow immediately after Section 6 hereof, said new Section to read as follows:

7. The principal office and Service Center of the Maryland Veterans Commission shall be maintained in the City of Baltimore, and such additional Service Centers as in the discretion of said Commission may be deemed necessary or advisable in order to facilitate and expedite the servicing of the claims of male and female veterans, as set forth in this Act, shall be established, equipped, maintained and operated elsewhere in said City and in the State of Maryland at such places as may, from time to time, be designated by said Commission, and the Commission shall have the right to discontinue any additional Service Center which it no longer deems necessary. In designating the locations of such additional Service Centers, said Commission shall endeavor to locate same centrally in the areas to be served, to the end that the greatest possible number of such male and female veterans therein may have access thereto with the least possible delay, travel and inconvenience, and to the end that they may, so far as is possible so to do, receive personal attention.

At said principal office and Service Center, and at such additional Service Centers as may be established, as herein provided, the Maryland Veterans Commission, in addition to its other duties as set forth in this Act, shall furnish information for the benefit of such male and female veterans, and shall, as far as possible, coordinate its efforts with those of all other appropriate agencies, so as to avoid overlapping of effort, and to make available, if possible, at one location, or in one general local area, complete information to such male and female veterans on all problems pertaining to Veterans' affairs.