

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved April 23, 1945.

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CHAPTER 728.

(Senate Bill 576)

AN ACT to authorize the Board of Public Works to collect, compile and publish the records of residents of Maryland who aided in the prosecution of the present war.

WHEREAS, it is extremely desirable that the State of Maryland have permanent records of the achievements of its sons and daughters during the present great conflict: therefore

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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Board of Public Works be and it is hereby authorized to collect, compile and publish, or make provision for the collection, compilation and publishing of, the records of all residents of Maryland who served in any of the Armed Forces of the United States in the present war or in any of the agencies which were closely affiliated with the said Armed Forces or who otherwise rendered conspicuous public service in the war effort, whether in connection with a public agency or private agency or organization, and to arrange or to make arrangements for keeping such records in some permanent place for future reference. The final disposition of the records shall be determined by the said Board of Public Works.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of all officials, agencies and organizations in Maryland to transfer to the Board of Public Works all of their data, papers and documents of every description which may be needed by said Board, or the organization selected by said Board for this purpose, for compiling said records, and where this is not feasible, to make such data, papers and documents available for the purpose of compiling said records.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Board of Public Works shall have full and complete authority to appoint such persons as it may deem necessary to perform the duties imposed by this Act and to prescribe their com-