

tract within a period of two years, beginning on the effective date of this Act, then it shall be deemed to have been abandoned and the other provisions of Section 10 of Chapter 409 of the Acts of 1969 shall be fully effective as to this project.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 29, 1971

CHAPTER 259
(Senate Bill 770)

AN ACT to add new Sections 801 to 806, inclusive, to Article 93A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Protection of Minors and Other Persons Under Disability," to follow immediately after Section 704 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Veterans' Guardianship"; to provide for the Administrator of Veterans Affairs as an interested person in all proceedings involving guardianships of Veterans Administration beneficiaries, the issuance of certificates showing minority, guardians' bonds, accounting by guardians, investments permissible by guardians and compensation of guardians.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Sections 801 to 806, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 93A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Protection of Minors and Other Persons Under Disability," to follow immediately after Section 704 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Veterans' Guardianship," and all to read as follows:

801. *Administrator of Veterans Affairs as Interested Person.*

The Administrator of Veterans Affairs shall be an interested person in any proceeding for the appointment, removal or discharge of any guardian who is receiving or expects to receive any money from the Veterans Administration for a minor or disabled person who is a Veterans Administration beneficiary and in any suit or other proceeding affecting in any manner the administration by the guardian of the estate of any present or former beneficiary which includes assets derived in whole or in part from benefits paid by the Veterans Administration to the guardian or his predecessor for the beneficiary. Notice of such suit or proceeding shall be given to the office of the Veterans Administration having jurisdiction over the area in which the suit or proceeding is pending at least 15 days prior to any hearing thereon unless such notice is waived in writing.