

[Commonwealth Act No. 684, September 26, 1945]

AN ACT TO AMEND COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE SO AS TO INCLUDE PAYMENT UNDER SAID ACT OF AMOUNTS DUE TO ANY OTHER DECEASED CIVILIANS FOR SUPPLIES FURNISHED OR SERVICES RENDERED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress Assembled:

SECTION. 1. Section one of Commonwealth Act Numbered Six hundred and seventy-five entitled "An Act providing for the immediate payment of salaries and allowances of deceased Filipino members of the United States Army, United States Navy, Philippine Scouts, Philippine Army, including duly recognized guerilla organizations, and civilian employees of the War and Navy departments, and other departments of the United States Government and of the Philippine Army," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Arrears in pay and allowances under the laws of the United States of deceased Filipinos who were members of the United States Army, the United States Navy, the Philippine Scouts, or of the Philippine Army, including duly recognized guerrilla organizations, and civilian employees of the War and Navy Departments or of other executive departments and independent establishments of the United States Government and of the Philippine Army, as well as amounts due to estates of deceased civilians representing claims for supplies furnished or services rendered under such laws, who were domiciled in the Philippines at the time of their death, shall be administered by the Judge Advocate General of the Philippine Army or his duly authorized representatives.

" The term 'arrears in pay and allowances' shall be understood to mean the salaries, quarter allowances, bonuses, and any other cash allowance to which the deceased might have been lawfully entitled at the time of death, including all amounts due to the estates of deceased civilians for supplies furnished or services rendered under the laws of the United States, which amounts represent amounts due from the United States."

SEC. 2. Section eight of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. After the Judge Advocate General shall have distributed the arrears in pay and allowances in conformity with the foregoing provisions, such estate shall, as regards such arrears in pay and allowances so distributed, be deemed lawfully settled; and the Judge Advocate General shall no longer be answerable therefor to any person. But this shall not preclude any lawful heir from bringing an action against any person or persons who had so received said arrears in pay and allowances for the enforcement of any lawful claim thereto: *Provided*, That the Judge Advocate General or his duly authorized representatives acting upon his behalf are authorized to furnish an acquittance to the Government of the United States in satisfaction of all claims made by beneficiaries or distributees of the estate of deceased claimants who have furnished supplies or rendered services to the Government of the United States."