

SECTION 6. REGISTERED NURSES

This section would amend section 6 of the act approved February 9, 1907 (34 Stat. 888, ch. 913) as amended by the act of March 2, 1929 (45 Stat. 1521, ch. 540) and the act of June 25, 1936 (49 Stat. 1921, ch. 804) and the act of June 25, 1948 (62 Stat. 991, ch. 646) and the act of May 24, 1949 (63 Stat. 107, ch. 139) (District of Columbia Code, sec. 2-407), by—

1. Substituting the Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia, for the U.S. attorney as the party who shall conduct certain proceedings relating principally to the suspension or revocation of nurses' licenses issued by a local board appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

SECTION 7. OPTOMETRY

This section would amend section 2 of the act of May 28, 1924 (43 Stat. 177, ch. 202) (District of Columbia Code, sec. 2-502), by—

1. Designating the Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia specifically as the prosecutor for misdemeanor violations of provisions concerning optometrists' licenses issued by a local board appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

SECTION 8. ACCOUNTANCY

This section would amend section 9 of the act approved February 17, 1923 (42 Stat. 1263, ch. 94) (District of Columbia Code 2-909), by—

1. Designating the Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia specifically as the prosecutor for violations of provisions concerning accountants' licenses issued by a local board appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

SECTION 9. PRIVATE DETECTIVES

This section would repeal sections 425 and 428, inclusive of the act approved June 22, 1874 (Revised Statutes, District of Columbia, secs. 425-428), as amended by the act of June 11, 1878 (20 Stat. 107, ch. 180) (District of Columbia Code, secs. 4-168-4-171, inclusive), relating to the appointment and bonding of private detectives. This amendment would not change existing substantive law. The sections expressly repealed by the amendment have been given no effect since 1932 when they were repealed by implication and superseded by the act of July 1, 1932 (47 Stat. 559, ch. 366) (District of Columbia Code, sec. 47-2341).

SECTION 10. ESTATES OF ABSENTEES AND ABSCONDERERS

This section would amend section 1 of the act of April 8, 1935 (49 Stat. 111, ch. 46), as amended by the act of June 25, 1936 (49 Stat. 1921, ch. 804), and the act of June 25, 1948 (62 Stat. 991, ch. 646), and the act of May 24, 1949 (63 Stat. 107, ch. 139) (District of Columbia Code 20-701). This amendment would have the effect of transferring what is essentially a local government function to the local government through its attorney, the Corporation Counsel. Under existing law, it is the District of Columbia, not the United States, to which estates normally escheat and by which support payments are made. The amendment would grant specifically to the District of Columbia the right to be made a party in every proceeding where one seeks to place in receivership property of absentees or absconders who—

(a) have left the District without making provisions for the support of their dependents and

(b) whose assets are treated under certain circumstances as if the absentee had died intestate.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE

This section provides that sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act would be applicable only to acts committed after the date of enactment; whereas, sections 4 through 10 would be applicable to proceedings instituted 30 days after enactment and not to proceedings instituted prior thereto.