

United States Veterans' Bureau or its successor requires a public record for use in deciding the eligibility of any person to participate in moneys payable by the United States through said Veterans' Bureau, any officer charged with the custody of such public record must furnish a certified copy of same without charge to the applicant for the moneys or to any person acting for him or to a representative of the Veterans' Bureau.

This office had occasion to construe Section 11037-14, General Code, *supra*, in Opinion 2387, rendered September 29, 1930, and appearing in Opinions of the Attorney General for 1930, Volume 2, page 1516. The syllabus of that opinion held:

"Section 11037-14 of the General Code not only applies to veterans or their minor children for whom application is made for the appointment of a guardian but applies to all veterans who are entitled to participate in any moneys payable by the United States made available by the United States Veterans' Bureau when such bureau requires a public record of the veterans to be used in determining the eligibility of such persons to participate in benefits made available by the United States Veterans' Bureau."

It may be noted from the above opinion that Section 11037-14, General Code, applies to all World War veterans, regardless of whether guardians have been appointed for them or not. For your attention and consideration, I am enclosing a copy of the above opinion.

It is thus apparent that when the provisions of Section 11037-14, General Code, are construed with Sections 2770, 2772 and 2779, General Code, the county recorder may not charge for a certified copy of a soldier's discharge whenever such discharge is requested by a World War soldier applicant or by any person on his behalf, or by a representative of the United States Veterans' Bureau, to be used by said United States Veterans' Bureau for the determination of the eligibility of a soldier to participate in moneys payable by the United States through such Bureau. At all other times the county recorder must charge a fee for a certified copy of a soldier's discharge.

Respectfully,

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, SCIOTO COUNTY,
OHIO—\$100,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 25, 1931.

Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.

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TRANSFER OF SCHOOL TERRITORY—BY COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION—REMONSTRANCE FILED—LENGTH OF TIME DUR-
ING WHICH SIGNERS MAY LEGALLY WITHDRAW NAMES.

SYLLABUS:

Under Section 4692, General Code, signers to a remonstrance against the action