

Chap. 229. AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE SECRETARY TO CHANGE THE DEATH RECORD OF WILLIAM A. SQUIRES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the state secretary is hereby authorized and directed to change the death record of William A. Squires so as to contain the information that the said William A. Squires served in the armed forces of Great Britain during World War II.

Approved May 16, 1974.

Chap. 230. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PROBATE COURT TO MAKE ORDERS RELATIVE TO RESTRAINTS ON PERSONAL LIBERTIES OF PARTIES AND CHILDREN INVOLVED IN SEPARATE SUPPORT PETITIONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 209 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 32, as amended by chapter 370 of the acts of 1968, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 32. If a husband fails, without justifiable cause, to provide suitable support for his wife, or deserts her, or if the wife has justifiable cause for living apart from her husband, or if the husband is deserted by his wife or has justifiable cause for living apart from his wife, whether or not he or she is actually living apart, the probate court may, upon his or her petition, or if he or she is incompetent due to mental illness or mental retardation, upon petition of the guardian or next friend, prohibit the husband or wife from imposing any restraint on the personal liberty of the other during such time as the court by its order may direct or until further order of the court thereon and upon the application of the husband or wife or of the guardian of either, the court may make further orders relative to the support of the wife and the care, custody and maintenance of their minor children, may determine with which of their parents the children or any of them shall remain and may, from time to time, upon similar application revise and alter such order or make a new order or decree as the circumstance of the parents or the benefit of the children may require, and the court may make such order as it deems necessary to protect either party or their children, to preserve the peace or to carry out the purposes of this section relative to the restraint on their personal liberty.

Upon request by the court, the state police, local police or probation officers shall make an investigation in relation to any proceedings hereunder and report to the court. Every such report shall be in writing and shall become part of the records of such proceedings.

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