

**OPINION
50-199**

October 18, 1950 (OPINION)

VETERANS

RE: Certified Copies Furnished Without Charge

Yours of the 16th inst. has been received and referred to my desk. You ask for our interpretation of Section 37-0136 (Chapter 235, Laws 1949).

This section provides that when any veteran, his guardian, dependent, or representative needs a certified copy of "any public record" for use in connection with an application for benefits made available by Federal or State Laws, the official charged with the custody of such public record, shall furnish such copy without charge.

It is our opinion that this provision applies to any and every official in whose office the document of which a copy is required is now of record. This, of course, applies to the Register of Deeds as well as to any and all other officers, either state, county, or municipal, in whose office such original document is now of record.

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