bia that the agreement of sale, lease, or exchange has been rescinded by appropriate corporate action, so that the shares of such dissenting shareholder remain unaffected thereby. Upon the performance of any agreement of sale hereunder of all of the property and assets as an entirety of a corporation (including its good will and franchises), all property, assets, rights, privileges, franchises, and powers of said selling corporation shall be vested in the purchasing corporation or person and shall thereafter be as effectually the property of the purchasing corporation or person as they were of the selling corporation subject to the provisions of this section, and such purchasing corporation or person shall thereupon immediately file in the office of the recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia proper evidence of such sale, and thereupon said selling corporation shall be dissolved and cease, subject, however, to the provisions of sections 782, 783, 784, and 785 of subchapter 14 of this chapter 18. Nothing contained herein shall affect the provisions of the Act approved April 28, 1904, entitled "An Act to prevent the fraudulent sale of merchandise in the District of Columbia," or any of the provisions of the Act relating to the Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia, approved March 4, 1913, or any amendment or supplement thereof, or of any other law regulating public-utility corporations in the District of Columbia."

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CHAP. 121.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction of certain public works at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to construct hospital buildings, and to provide equipment, accessories, utilities, and appurtenances pertaining thereto, on land already acquired or hereby authorized to be acquired thereafter by purchase, gift, or otherwise, at or in the vicinity of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, subject to appropriation hereafter made; the land, if purchased, to cost not in excess of $200,000; and the buildings, equipment, accessories, utilities, and appurtenances to cost not in excess of $3,000,000: Provided, That of the above amounts $200,000 for the purchase of land and $100,000 for the buildings, equipment, accessories, and appurtenances, in all, $300,000, shall be expended from the naval hospital fund.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the United States, free from encumbrances and without cost to the United States, the title in fee simple to any land which may be acquired by gift.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to employ, when deemed by him desirable or advantageous, by contract or otherwise, outside professional or technical services of persons, firms, or corporations, to such extent as he may require for the purposes of this Act, without reference to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, or to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, in addition to employees otherwise authorized, and expenditures for such purpose shall be made from the naval hospital fund.

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