

ans' and patriotic organization as authorized by the laws of the State or States where it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 98-372, §3, July 23, 1984, 98 Stat. 1239.)

**§ 2504. Service of process**

With respect to service of process, the corporation shall comply with the laws of the States in which it is incorporated and those States in which it carries on its activities in furtherance of its corporate purposes.

(Pub. L. 98-372, §4, July 23, 1984, 98 Stat. 1239.)

**§ 2505. Membership; prohibition on discrimination**

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members shall, except as provided in this chapter, be as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation, and terms of membership and requirements for holding office within the corporation shall not be discriminatory on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

(Pub. L. 98-372, §5, July 23, 1984, 98 Stat. 1239.)

**§ 2506. Board of directors**

The board of directors of the corporation and the responsibilities thereof shall be as provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 98-372, §6, July 23, 1984, 98 Stat. 1239.)

**§ 2507. Officers**

The officers of the corporation, and the election of such officers shall be as is provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State or States wherein it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 98-372, §7, July 23, 1984, 98 Stat. 1240.)

**§ 2508. Restrictions**

**(a) Distribution of income or assets to members**

No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure to any member, officer, or director of the corporation or be distributed to any such person during the life of this charter. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to the officers of the corporation or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

**(b) Loans**

The corporation shall not make any loan to any officer, director, or employee of the corporation.

**(c) Political activities**

The corporation and any officer and director of the corporation, acting as such officer or director, shall not contribute to, support or otherwise participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

**(d) Issuance of stock; dividends**

The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock nor to declare or pay any dividends.

**(e) Claim of approval or authorization**

The corporation shall not claim congressional approval or Federal Government authority for any of its activities.

(Pub. L. 98-372, §8, July 23, 1984, 98 Stat. 1240.)

**§ 2509. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority.

(Pub. L. 98-372, §9, July 23, 1984, 98 Stat. 1240.)

**§ 2510. Books and records; inspection**

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of any proceeding of the corporation involving any of its members, the board of directors, or any committee having authority under the board of directors. The corporation shall keep at its principal office a record of the names and addresses of all members having the right to vote. All books and records of such corporation may be inspected by any member having the right to vote, or by any agent or attorney of such member, for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time. Nothing in this section shall be construed to contravene any applicable State law.

(Pub. L. 98-372, §10, July 23, 1984, 98 Stat. 1240.)

**§ 2511. Annual report**

The corporation shall report annually to the Congress concerning the activities of the corporation during the preceding fiscal year. Such annual report shall be submitted at the same time as is the report of the audit required by section 1101(58) of this title. The report shall not be printed as a public document.

(Pub. L. 98-372, §12, July 23, 1984, 98 Stat. 1240.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1101(58) of this title, referred to in text, was in the original "section 11 of this Act", meaning section 11 of Pub. L. 98-372, which amended section 1101 of this title to include the Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A. within the definition of "private corporations established under Federal law". Section 1103 of this title requires a report to Congress on the annual audit of private corporations established under Federal law.

**§ 2512. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter**

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this chapter is expressly reserved to the Congress.

(Pub. L. 98-372, §13, July 23, 1984, 98 Stat. 1241.)

**§ 2513. "State" defined**

For purposes of this chapter, the term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

(Pub. L. 98-372, §14, July 23, 1984, 98 Stat. 1241.)

**§ 2514. Tax-exempt status**

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation as pro-