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[CHAPTER 329]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to settle certain claims.

November 28, 1943
[S. 364]
[Public Law 192]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to accept the surrender of any lease issued pursuant to any of the provisions of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437; 30 U. S. C., sec. 181 and the following), or any amendment thereof, where the surrender is filed in the General Land Office subsequent to the accrual but prior to the payment of the yearly rental due under the lease, upon payment of the accrued rental on a pro rata monthly basis for the portion of the lease year prior to the filing of the surrender. The authority granted to the Secretary of the Interior by this Act shall extend only to cases in which he finds that the failure of the lessee to file a timely surrender of the lease prior to the accrual of the rental was not due to a lack of reasonable diligence, but it shall not extend to claims or cases which have been referred to the Department of Justice for purposes of suit.

Secretary of the Interior.
Acceptance of surrender of certain leases.
30 U. S. C., Supp. II, §§ 221-222h, 223.

Limitation.

Approved November 28, 1943.

[CHAPTER 330]

AN ACT

To authorize the transportation of dependents and household effects of personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard under certain conditions, and for other purposes.

November 28, 1943
[S. 1336]
[Public Law 193]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That officers and enlisted men of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and the reserve components thereof when on active duty, of grades entitling them to transportation of dependents and household effects on change of station (a) when on duty at places designated by the Secretary of the Navy as within zones from which their dependents should be evacuated for military reasons or for the purpose of relieving congestion in the vicinity of naval activities or where Government quarters for their dependents are not available; (b) or upon transfer or assignment of such officers and enlisted men to sea duty, as such duty may be defined by the Secretary of the Navy; (c) or upon transfer or assignment of such officers and enlisted men to duty at places where their dependents for military reasons are not permitted to join them or where Government quarters for their dependents are not available, may, upon application of such personnel or their dependents, be allowed, subject to such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe, transportation for their dependents and household effects, including packing, crating, and unpacking thereof, from their stations or places of storage in the United States to any other points in the United States, and from such points to new stations in the United States to which such personnel may be subsequently ordered for duty, and at which their dependents are not restricted from joining them or Government quarters for their dependents are available.

Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.
Transportation of dependents and household effects.

SEC. 2. Whenever the Chief of Naval Personnel, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Commandant of the Coast Guard, or such subordinates as they may designate, certify that the personnel included in (b) and (c) of section 1 hereof have been transferred to sea duty or to duty at places beyond the continental limits of the United States where their dependents for military reasons are not permitted to join

Certificates.

them, the wives of such personnel, or such other responsible persons as may be designated by the officials named above in this section, may execute such certificates as may be required and which are filed with, and relate to, vouchers in connection with the transportation of dependents or household effects: *Provided*, That in lieu of copies of orders of such personnel, the certificate above provided for shall constitute authority for such transportation of dependents, and household effects as may be authorized hereunder and any certificate or certification authorized by this Act shall be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers of the Government: *And provided further*, That, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe, claims for reimbursement may be submitted by and payments made to personnel concerned or their dependents for any authorized travel performed by dependents at their own expense.

Reimbursement for authorized travel.

Credit in accounts of disbursing officers.

SEC. 3. The Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to allow credit in the accounts of disbursing officers in cases where such dependents would have been entitled to transportation if the provisions of section 1 hereof had been in effect on the date of payment for otherwise proper payments heretofore made to transportation of dependents, or reimbursement therefor, under orders issued prior to the effective date of this Act, to the extent of the commercial cost of transportation of the dependents from the old duty station to the new duty station. Such cost of transportation shall be computed from the last available published rates on the date the orders involved were issued.

Means of transportation of household effects.

SEC. 4. Transportation of household effects of naval and civilian personnel of the Naval Establishment, as now or hereafter authorized by law, may, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy shall prescribe, be by means of rail, water, or van, without regard to comparative costs.

Effective period.

SEC. 5. This Act shall be effective as of December 7, 1941, and shall remain in effect for the duration of the present wars and for six months after the termination of such wars, or until such earlier time as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President by proclamation may designate.

Approved November 28, 1943.

[CHAPTER 331]

November 28, 1943
[S. 1354]
[Public Law 194]

AN ACT

To amend the Act approved January 16, 1936, entitled "An Act to provide for the retirement and retirement annuities of civilian members of the teaching staff at the United States Naval Academy and the Postgraduate School, United States Naval Academy."

Naval Academy and Postgraduate School.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the retirement and retirement annuities of civilian members of the teaching staff at the United States Naval Academy and the Postgraduate School, United States Naval Academy", approved January 16, 1936 (49 Stat. 1092; 34 U. S. C. 1073–1073e), is amended by inserting therein a new section numbered 4A, reading as follows:

Retirement annuities of civilian teachers.

49 Stat. 1092.
34 U. S. C. § 1073b.

"SEC. 4A. Each civilian member of the teaching staffs who is hereafter retired on or after reaching the age of retirement set forth in section 3 of this Act shall be paid a life annuity, terminable on his death, at the rate of the following total annual amount: The average annual basic salary, pay, or compensation received by such civilian teacher during any five consecutive years of allowable service at the option of such teacher, multiplied by the number of years of