

SEC. 12. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums of money as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Act.

Appropriation.

Approved July 1, 1952.

Public Law 437

CHAPTER 540

AN ACT

July 1, 1952
[S. 1537]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the extension of the term of certain patents of persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during World War II".

Extension of
certain patents.

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 extension of the term of certain patents of persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during World War II", approved June 30, 1950 (Public Law 598, Eighty-first Congress), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

64 Stat. 316.
35 USC 115-118.

"SEC. 5. (a) No person shall be held not to be the sole owner of a patent within the meaning of this Act, by reason of any interest of his spouse in such patent.

"(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of the first section fixing the time for filing application for an extension under this Act, such application, in the case of any patent held by the applicant and his spouse may be filed at any time within six months following the date of enactment of this section."

Approved July 1, 1952.

Public Law 438

CHAPTER 547

AN ACT

July 3, 1952
[S. 2214]

To amend section 709 of title 18 of the United States Code.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 709 of title 18 of the United States Code is amended by inserting immediately before the last paragraph thereof a new paragraph as follows:

False advertis-
ing, etc.
62 Stat. 733.

"This section shall not make unlawful the use of the word 'national' as part of the name of any business or firm engaged in the insurance or indemnity business, whether such firm was engaged in the insurance or indemnity business prior or subsequent to the date of enactment of this paragraph."

Approved July 3, 1952.

Public Law 439

CHAPTER 548

AN ACT

July 3, 1952
[H. R. 404]

To amend the Military Personnel Claims Act of 1945.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Military Personnel Claims Act of 1945, approved May 29, 1945 (59 Stat. 225), be, and it is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Military Person-
nel Claims Act of
1945, amendment.
31 USC 222c
note.

SEC. 1. (a) That the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force, and such other officer or

officers as they may designate for such purposes and under such regulations as they, respectively, may prescribe, are hereby authorized to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, settle, and pay any claim not in excess of \$2,500 against the United States, including claims not heretofore satisfied, arising on or after December 7, 1939, of military personnel and civilian employees of the Department of the Army or of the Navy, and including civilian employees of the War Department during its existence, of military personnel and civilian employees of the Department of the Navy or of the Air Force, and of military personnel and civilian employees of the Department of the Air Force or of the Air Force, when such claim is substantiated, and the property determined to be reasonable, useful, necessary, or proper under the attendant circumstances, in such manner as the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force, as to the military personnel and civilian employees of their respective Departments and services, may by regulation prescribe, for damage to or loss, destruction, capture, or abandonment of personal property occurring incident to their service, or to replace such personal property in kind: *Provided*, That the damage to or loss, destruction, capture, or abandonment of property shall not have been caused in whole or in part by any negligent or wrongful act on the part of the claimant, his agent, or employee, and shall not have occurred at quarters occupied by the claimant within the continental United States (excluding Alaska) which are not assigned to him or otherwise provided in kind by the Government: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of Defense, and such other officer or officers as he may designate for the purpose, and under such regulations as he may prescribe, are hereby authorized to exercise with respect to claims of civilian employees of the Department of Defense not heretofore enumerated, arising on or after July 25, 1947, for damage to or loss, destruction, capture, or abandonment of personal property occurring incident to their service, powers similar to those conferred upon the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force and their designees by this Act with respect to claims of military personnel and civilian employees of their Departments.

Payment to survivor.

(b) The Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Air Force, and the Secretary of Defense, and their designees, respectively, in the event of the death of any person among the military personnel or civilian employees enumerated in subsection (a), are hereby authorized to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, settle, and pay any claim, otherwise cognizable under this Act, presented by the survivor of such person for damage to or loss, destruction, capture, or abandonment of the personal property of such person, regardless of whether such damage, loss, destruction, capture, or abandonment occurred concurrently with or subsequent to such death.

(c) As used in this Act, the term "survivor" means surviving spouse, child or children, father and/or mother, or brothers and/or sisters of the decedent, and claims by survivors shall be settled and paid in that order of precedence.

Time limitation.

(d) Every claim cognizable under this Act shall be forever barred unless presented in writing within two years after such claim accrues or within one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is later: *Provided*, That if a claim accrues in time of war, or if war intervenes within two years after the date of accrual, it may, on good cause shown, be presented within two years after such good cause ceases to exist, but not later than two years after peace is established: *And provided further*, That any claim cognizable under this Act which has not heretofore been presented for consideration, or has

been presented for consideration and disapproved for the reason that the claimant did not file such claim within the time authorized by law, or any claim cognizable hereunder of any survivor which has not heretofore been presented for consideration, or has been presented for consideration and disapproved for the reason that heretofore such survivor acquired no right of recovery under this Act, may, at the written request of the claimant made within one year from the date of the enactment of this amendatory Act, be considered or reconsidered and settled in accordance with the provisions hereof.

(e) Any settlement made by the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Air Force, or the Secretary of Defense, or their designees, under the authority of this Act and such regulations as they, respectively, may prescribe hereunder, shall be final and conclusive for all purposes, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary. All such settlements shall be reported to the Congress annually by the heads of the departments concerned and the report shall state with respect to each settlement the name of the claimant, the amount claimed, and the amount paid.

SEC. 2. That section 2 of the Military Personnel Claims Act of 1945 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 2. Such appropriations as may be required for the settlement of claims under the provisions of this Act are hereby authorized. Appropriations now available to the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force for the settlement of claims under the provisions of the Act of May 29, 1945 (59 Stat. 225), and to the Department of the Navy for the settlement of claims under the provisions of the Act of December 28, 1945 (59 Stat. 662), shall be available for the settlement of claims under the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. That section 2 of the Act of December 28, 1945 (59 Stat. 662), is hereby repealed.

Approved July 3, 1952.

Public Law 440

CHAPTER 549

AN ACT

To authorize the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, or Seminole Tribes of Indians to make contracts with approval of the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

July 3, 1952
[H.R. 1788]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That contracts involving the payment or expenditure of any money or affecting any property belonging to the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, or Seminole Tribes of Indians, including contracts for professional legal services, may be made by said tribes, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe: *Provided*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to contracts for professional legal services involving the prosecution of claims against the United States.

Indians.
Contracts.

SEC. 2. That the second proviso in section 28 of the Act of April 26, 1906 (34 Stat. 148), and the provisions contained in the fifth paragraph of section 17 of the Act of March 3, 1911 (36 Stat. 1070), dealing with contracts made by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Tribes of Indians for professional legal services of attorneys, are hereby repealed.

Repeals.

Approved July 3, 1952.