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Preamble.

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Hospital ships ex-  
empted from taxes,  
etc., in time of war.

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President to design-  
ate ships, etc.

**CHAP. 96.**—An Act To carry into effect the international convention of December twenty-first, nineteen hundred and four, relating to the exemption in time of war of hospital ships from dues and taxes on vessels.

Whereas a convention providing for the exemption of hospital ships in time of war from the payment of all dues and taxes imposed for the benefit of the State was signed at The Hague on December twenty-first, nineteen hundred and four, by the plenipotentiaries of the United States of America, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, China, Korea, Denmark, Spain, Mexico, France, Greece, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Peru, Persia, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Servia, Siam, and Switzerland; and

Whereas the said convention was duly ratified by the Government of the United States of America by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and was proclaimed by the President of the United States May twenty-first, nineteen hundred and seven: Therefore

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hospital ships, concerning which the conditions set forth in articles one, two, and three of the convention concluded at The Hague on July twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, for the adaptation to maritime warfare of the principles of the Geneva convention of August twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, are fulfilled, shall, in the ports of the United States and the possessions thereof, be exempted, in time of war, from all dues and taxes imposed on vessels by the laws of the United States, and from all pilotage charges.

**SEC. 2.** That the President of the United States shall by proclamation name the hospital ships to which this Act shall apply, and shall indicate the time when the exemptions herein provided for shall begin and end.

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Life-Saving Service.  
District superin-  
tendents, etc.  
Compensation in-  
creased.

Rations.

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Death of keeper or  
member of crew.  
Two years' pay to  
widow and children.  
Dependent mother  
added.

**CHAP. 99.**—An Act To increase the efficiency of the personnel of the Life-Saving Service of the United States.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the passage of this Act the compensation of district superintendents in the United States Life-Saving Service shall be as follows: For the superintendents of the first, second, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth districts, two thousand two hundred dollars per annum each; for the superintendents of the third and ninth districts, two thousand dollars per annum each; for the superintendent of the eighth district, one thousand nine hundred dollars per annum. That the pay of keepers of life-saving stations shall be one thousand dollars per annum each, and that the pay of the number one surfman in each of the crews of the life-saving stations shall be at the rate of seventy dollars per month.

**SEC. 2.** That every keeper of a life-saving station and every surfman in the Life-Saving Service of the United States shall be entitled to receive one ration per day or, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, commutation therefor at the rate of thirty cents per ration.

**SEC. 3.** That section eight of the Act of May fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, entitled "An Act to promote the efficiency of the Life-Saving Service and to encourage the saving of life from shipwreck," is hereby amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 8.** That if any keeper or member of a crew of a life-saving station shall hereafter die by reason of perilous service or any wound or injury received or disease contracted in the Life-Saving Service in

the line of duty, leaving a widow, or a child or children under sixteen years of age, or a dependent mother, such widow and child or children and dependent mother shall be entitled to receive, in equal portions, during a period of two years, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, the same amount, payable quarterly as far as practicable, that the husband or father or son would be entitled to receive as pay if he were alive and continued in the Service: *Provided*, That if the widow shall remarry at any time during the said two years her portion of said amount shall cease to be paid to her from the date of her remarriage, but shall be added to the amount to be paid to the remaining beneficiaries under the provisions of this section, if there be any; and if any child shall arrive at the age of sixteen years during the said two years, the portion of such child shall cease to be paid to such child from the date on which such age shall be attained, but shall be added to the amount to be paid to the remaining beneficiaries, if there be any."

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Quarterly payments.

*Proviso.*  
Remarriage of widow, etc.

SEC. 4. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

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CHAP. 100.—An Act Authorizing and empowering the Secretary of War to locate a right of way for and granting the same and a right to operate and maintain a line of railroad through the Three Tree Point Military Reservation, in the State of Washington, to the Grays Harbor and Columbia River Railway Company, its successors and assigns.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of War may authorize the Grays Harbor and Columbia River Railway Company to build a railroad and telegraph line through the Three Tree Point Military Reservation on Columbia River, and to that end may set aside for occupancy by said Grays Harbor and Columbia River Railway Company such ground, and no more, as is actually required for the necessary track, embankments or trestles: *Provided*, That the ground so occupied shall remain the property of the United States under such police and other military control as the military authorities may deem it necessary to exercise: *Provided further*, That the said railway company shall compensate the United States for all timber that may be cut and shall pay such reasonable annual rental for such right of way as may be fixed by the Secretary of War: *Provided further*, That the location and grade of said railroad and other details of construction within the limits of the reservation, also all matters pertaining to the operation and maintenance of said railroad, shall be under such regulations as the Secretary of War may deem it advisable to establish in the interest of the military service and as a safeguard against fire to Government timber lands: *Provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed as authorizing the use of any portion of the reservation as a borrow pit for fills and embankments, unless specially authorized so to do by the Secretary of War, and upon the payment of such compensation as may be fixed by him.

Three Tree Point Military Reservation, Wash.  
Grays Harbor and Columbia Railway Company granted right of way through.

*Provisos.*  
United States property rights reserved.

Compensation, and rent.

Location, etc.

Restriction.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the road be not commenced within two years from date of approval hereof.

Time of construction.

SEC. 3. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Amendment.

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