

CHAP. 261.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes," approved September 7, 1916.

June 5, 1924.
[H. R. 7041.]
[Public, No. 196.]

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 compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes," approved September 7, 1916, be amended as follows:

Injuries to Government employees.
Compensation for.

That section 37 of said Act is amended to read as follows:

Vol. 39, p. 749, amended.
Review, etc., of award.
Vol. 39, p. 747.

"SEC. 37. That if the original claim for compensation has been made within the time specified in section 20, the commission may, at any time, on its own motion or on application, review the award, and, in accordance with the facts found on such review, may end, diminish, or increase the compensation previously awarded, or, if compensation has been refused or discontinued, award compensation. In the absence of fraud or mistake in mathematical calculation, the finding of facts in, and the decision of the commission upon, the merits of any claim presented under or authorized by this Act if supported by competent evidence shall not be subject to review by any other administrative or accounting officer, employee, or agent of the United States. Any award heretofore made by the Compensation Commission, under the Act of September 7, 1916, for disability or death resulting from a personal injury sustained prior to the passage of this Act, shall be valid, if such award would be valid if made in respect to an injury sustained after the passage of this Act."

Decisions, in absence of fraud, etc., not subject to review by any other accounting officer, etc.

Awards heretofore made by Commission, validated.

SEC. 2. That section 40 of said Act is amended to read as follows:

Vol. 39, p. 750, amended.

"SEC. 40. That wherever used in this Act—

Construction of terms used.

"The singular includes the plural and the masculine includes the feminine.

"The term 'employee' includes all civil employees of the United States and of the Panama Railroad Company.

"The term 'commission' shall be taken to refer to the United States Employees' Compensation Commission provided for in section 28.

Vol. 39, p. 748.

"The term 'physician' includes surgeons.

"The term 'monthly pay' shall be taken to refer to the monthly pay at the time of the injury.

"The term 'injury' includes, in addition to injury by accident, any disease proximately caused by the employment.

"Injury," includes disease.

"The term 'compensation' includes the money allowance payable to an employee or his dependents and any other benefits paid for out of the compensation fund: *Provided, however,* That this shall not in any way reduce the amount of the monthly compensation payable in case of disability or death."

"Compensation."

Proviso.
Reductions restricted.

Approved, June 5, 1924.

CHAP. 262.—An Act To authorize an appropriation to enable the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau to provide additional hospital facilities.

June 5, 1924.
[S. 3181.]
[Public, No. 197.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, subject to the approval of the President, is hereby authorized to provide additional hospital and out-patient dispensary facilities for patients of the United States Veterans' Bureau, and facilities for a permanent national training school, at a cost not exceeding \$350,000, for the blind who are bene-

Hospitals, etc., for Veterans' Bureau patients.

Additional facilities to be provided, including school for blind, etc.

Vol. 42, p. 496, amended.