

## [CHAPTER 17]

## AN ACT

To amend the Act of May 4, 1898 (30 Stat. 380; U. S. C., title 34, sec. 21), as amended, to authorize the President to appoint additional acting assistant surgeons in time of national emergency.

March 17, 1941  
[H. R. 2112]  
[Public Law 14]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act of May 4, 1898, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and for other purposes" (30 Stat. 380; U. S. C., title 34, sec. 21), as amended by the Act of March 18, 1940, Public, Numbered 440, Seventy-sixth Congress, is hereby further amended to read as follows: "The President is hereby authorized to appoint for temporary service one hundred acting assistant surgeons, who shall have the rank and compensation of assistant surgeons: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Navy may appoint in time of war or national emergency declared by the President to exist, for temporary service, such acting assistant surgeons as the exigencies of the service may require, who shall receive the compensation of assistant surgeons."

Navy.

54 Stat. 54.

Acting assistant surgeons for temporary service.

Approved, March 17, 1941.

## [CHAPTER 18]

## AN ACT

To authorize an exchange of lands between the people of Puerto Rico and the United States.

March 17, 1941  
[H. R. 2113]  
[Public Law 15]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to transfer, under such conditions as the Secretary may approve, to the people of Puerto Rico, by appropriate deed of conveyance, a parcel of land embracing approximately two and seventy-five one-hundredths acres, situated in the ward known as Miramar, located in the south section of Santurce, Puerto Rico, bounded on the north at a point located at the intersection of the north side of the actual road that leads to the naval air station with the west side of the Fernandez Juncos Avenue; on the east with lands belonging to the people of Puerto Rico and lands of the estate known as Miramar, now property of Mr. Solé and Company; on the south with lands of Mr. Solé and Company, and on the west with lands of the naval air station, in consideration of the transfer to the United States by appropriate deed of conveyance, free from all encumbrances, without cost to the United States and for use as a part of the naval air station at San Juan, of all right, title and interest of the people of Puerto Rico in and to a parcel of six and twenty-six one-hundredths acres, more or less, in the ward known as Tras-Miramar, located at the south section of Santurce, Puerto Rico, being adjacent to and on the east of lands of the United States of America used as a quarantine station on the island of Miraflores.

Puerto Rico.  
Exchange of lands authorized.

Approved, March 17, 1941.

## [CHAPTER 19]

## AN ACT

Extending the provisions of the Act approved August 27, 1940, entitled "An Act increasing the number of naval aviators in the line of the Regular Navy and Marine Corps, and for other purposes."

March 17, 1941  
[H. R. 2953]  
[Public Law 16]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the benefits provided by section 4 of the Act approved August 27, 1940 (Public, Numbered 775, Seventy-sixth Congress), shall include payment of

Naval Aviation Personnel Act of 1940.  
Extension of provisions.  
54 Stat. 864.  
34 U. S. C. § 855c-1.