

## [CHAPTER 390]

## AN ACT

August 21, 1941  
[H. R. 4338]  
[Public Law 236]

To provide for adjustment of the inactive-duty pay of certain transferred and retired members of the Fleet Reserve.

Fleet Reserve.  
Adjustment of inactive-duty pay of certain members.

54 Stat. 895.  
50 U. S. C., app. § 312.  
Proviso.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That enlisted men of the Navy and Marine Corps who were transferred to the Fleet Reserve prior to October 1, 1940, after completion of sixteen or twenty years of service, and all such transferred members of the Fleet Reserve who were subsequently retired prior to October 1, 1940, shall, from and after October 1, 1940, be entitled to retainer pay or retired pay computed on the basis of the increased rates of base pay and longevity pay provided for enlisted men by section 12 of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act shall operate to reduce the pay now being received by any such enlisted men.

Approved, August 21, 1941.

## [CHAPTER 391]

## AN ACT

August 21, 1941  
[H. R. 4660]  
[Public Law 237]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide aid for needy blind persons of the District of Columbia and authorizing appropriations therefor", approved August 24, 1935.

District of Columbia.  
Aid for needy blind.  
49 Stat. 745.  
D. C. Code § 46-105.

Payment of funeral expenses.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide aid for needy blind persons of the District of Columbia and authorizing appropriations therefor", approved August 24, 1935, be, and the same is hereby, amended by inserting at the end of said section the following: "On the death of a recipient of aid under this Act such reasonable funeral expenses as the Board or its designated agency may deem necessary may be paid for the burial of such person and such funeral expenses so paid may be recovered in the same manner as provided in sections 11 and 12 for the recovery of amounts expended as aid."

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## [CHAPTER 392]

## AN ACT

August 21, 1941  
[H. R. 4769]  
[Public Law 238]

Authorizing the designation of Army mail clerks and assistant Army mail clerks.

Army mail clerks.

Duties.

Oath and bond.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That enlisted men of the Army of the United States may, upon selection by the Secretary of War, be designated by the Post Office Department as "Army mail clerks" and "assistant Army mail clerks", who shall be authorized to receive and open all pouches and sacks of mail addressed to Army posts, military reservations, and defense bases, owned or leased, to make proper delivery of such mail, to receive matter for transmission in the mails, to receipt for registered matter (keeping an accurate record thereof), to keep and have for sale an adequate supply of postage stamps, to make up and dispatch mails, and other postal duties as may be authorized by the Postmaster General, all in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the commanding Army officer at the base, post, or reservation. Each Army mail clerk and assistant Army mail clerk shall take the oath of office prescribed for employees of the Postal Service and shall give bond to the United States in such sum as the Postmaster General may deem sufficient for the faithful performance of his duties as such mail clerk, and shall be amenable in all respects to Army discipline,

except that, as to their duties as such clerks, the commanding officer at the base, post, or reservation at which they are stationed shall require them to be governed by the Postal Laws and Regulations of the United States. Whenever necessity arises therefor any assistant mail clerk may be required by such commanding officer to perform the duties of mail clerk. Compensation for services shall be paid by the War Department in addition to that paid them in the grade to which they are assigned, such sum in the case of mail clerks not to exceed \$500 per annum, and in the case of assistant mail clerks not to exceed \$300 per annum, as may be determined and allowed by the War Department.

Approved, August 21, 1941.

Compensation.

[CHAPTER 393]

AN ACT

To amend the Act relating to preventing the publication of inventions in the national interest, and for other purposes.

August 21, 1941  
[H. R. 4784]  
[Public Law 239]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1940 (Public, Numbered 700, Seventy-sixth Congress, third session, ch. 501), be amended by adding the following sections:

Publication of inventions.  
Prevention of, in national interest.  
54 Stat. 710.  
35 U. S. C. § 42 and note.  
Application for patent, etc., abroad.  
License require-ment.

“SEC. 3. No person shall file or cause or authorize to be filed in any foreign country an application for patent or for the registration of a utility model, industrial design, or model in respect of any invention made in the United States, except when authorized in each case by a license obtained from the Commissioner of Patents under such rules and regulations as he shall prescribe.

Effect of noncompliance.

“SEC. 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 4886 and 4887 of the Revised Statutes (35 U. S. C., secs. 31 and 32), any person and the successors, assigns, or legal representatives of any such person shall be debarred from receiving a United States patent for an invention if such person, or such successors, assigns, or legal representatives shall, without procuring the authorization prescribed in section 3 hereof, have made or consented to or assisted another's making application in a foreign country for a patent or for the registration of a utility model, industrial design, or model in respect of such invention where authorization for such application is required by the provisions of section 3, and any such United States patent actually issued to any such person, successors, assigns, or legal representatives so debarred or becoming debarred shall be invalid.

Penalties.

“SEC. 5. Whoever, during the period or periods of time an invention has been ordered to be kept secret and the grant of a patent thereon withheld pursuant to the Act approved July 1, 1940 (Public, Numbered 700, Seventy-sixth Congress, third session, ch. 501), shall, with knowledge of such order and without due authorization, willfully publish or disclose or authorize or cause to be published or disclosed such invention, or any material information with respect thereto, or whoever, in violation of the provisions of section 3 hereof, shall file or cause or authorize to be filed in any foreign country an application for patent or for the registration of a utility model, industrial design, or model in respect of any invention made in the United States, shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both.

54 Stat. 710.  
35 U. S. C. § 42 and note.

“SEC. 6. If any provision of this Act or of any section thereof or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the remainder of the Act and of such section and application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Separability of provisions.