

case of windstorms) in 1944 and to service loans made under such appropriation in connection with the 1943 floods: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,000,000 of such amount shall be used for grants.

Approved May 20, 1944.

[CHAPTER 202]

AN ACT

To regulate the furnishing of artificial limbs or other appliances to retired officers and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard and to certain civilian employees of the military and naval forces of the Regular Establishment.

May 23, 1944
[H. R. 3176]
[Public Law 308]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of Public Law Numbered 198, Seventy-sixth Congress, approved July 19, 1939, as amended by Public Law Numbered 365, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved December 22, 1941, is hereby amended to read as follows:

53 Stat. 1070; 55
Stat. 850.
38 U. S. C., Supp.
III, § 706b.

"SEC. 4. In the administration of laws pertaining to veterans, retired officers, and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, who served honorably during a war period as recognized by the Veterans' Administration, shall be, and are entitled to hospitalization and domiciliary care in the same manner and to the same extent as veterans of any war are now or may hereafter be furnished hospitalization or domiciliary care by the Veterans' Administration and subject to those provisions of paragraph VI (A) of Veterans Regulation Numbered 6 (c), which provide for reduction of monetary benefits to veterans having neither wife, child, nor dependent parent while being furnished hospital treatment, institutional, or domiciliary care.

Hospitalization and
domiciliary care.
Retired officers and
enlisted men.

38 U. S. C. note foll.
§ 724; Supp. III, note
foll. § 732.

"Any retired officer or enlisted man of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, who lost a limb or the use thereof through injury or disease incurred or contracted in line of duty in the military or naval service at any time, may be provided with an artificial limb or other appliance found by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to be reasonably necessary in medical judgment for such injury or disease, including necessary transportation to effect the fitting thereof, upon receipt of claim under such regulations as the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may prescribe. No commutation in lieu of such artificial limb or other appliance shall be payable on and after the date of this enactment."

Artificial limbs or
other appliances.

SEC. 2. The United States Employees' Compensation Commission, under such regulations as the Commission may prescribe, is hereby authorized to furnish any civilian employee of the military or naval service, Regular Establishment, who lost a limb or the use thereof through injury or disease incurred or contracted in line of duty as such prior to September 7, 1916, with an artificial limb or other appliance, or commutation in lieu thereof, at least once in every three years, upon the application of the person entitled thereto, or someone on his behalf, including necessary transportation to effect the fitting thereof and the compensation fund, established pursuant to section 35 of the Act approved September 7, 1916 (U. S. C., title 5, sec. 785), shall be available for expenditures under this section: *Provided*, That the commutation payable to any civilian employee in lieu of such artificial limb or other appliance shall be in the amount last paid to such employee under laws repealed by section 3 of this Act.

Civilian employees
of Military and Naval
Establishments.
Artificial limbs, etc.

39 Stat. 749.

Commutation in
lieu thereof.

Repeals.

SEC. 3. The Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act supplementary to an Act to provide for furnishing artificial limbs to disabled soldiers', approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy", approved June 8, 1872 (17 Stat. 338); the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the issue of artificial limbs to disabled soldiers, seamen, and others", approved August 15, 1876 (19 Stat. 203, 204; U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 38, sections 241, 242, 245); part of paragraph following semicolon making provision for direct payment of commutation under subject "Artificial limbs" under heading "Miscellaneous objects" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, and for other purposes", approved March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 979; U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 38, sec. 244); section 4787 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 38, sections 241-242); section 4788 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 38, sec. 243); section 4789 of the Revised Statutes; section 4790 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 38, sec. 243); section 4791 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 38, sec. 246); the proviso under the subject "Artificial limbs" under the heading "Medical Department" in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, and for other purposes", approved June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. 901; U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 38, sec. 242); section 1176 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 38, sec. 247); section 1177 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 38, sec. 248); section 1178 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 38, sec. 249; title 31, sec. 583 (9)); the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Act entitled 'An Act to provide for furnishing trusses to disabled soldiers', approved May twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two", approved March 3, 1879 (20 Stat. 353; U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 38, sections 247 and 250), are hereby repealed; and any other Acts, or parts of Acts, in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

Approved May 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 203]

AN ACT

To authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to furnish seeing-eye dogs for blind veterans.

Seeing-eye dogs for
blind veterans.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized, under such regulations as he may prescribe, to provide seeing-eye or guide dogs trained for the aid of blind veterans who are entitled to disability compensation under laws administered by the Veterans' Administrator, and to pay all necessary travel expenses to and from their homes and incurred in becoming adjusted to such seeing-eye or guide dogs and also to provide such veterans with mechanical electronic equipment for aiding them in overcoming the handicap of blindness.

Appropriation au-
thorized.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$1,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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[Public Law 309]