

## [CHAPTER 246]

## AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide books for the adult blind".

June 13, 1944  
[S. 1944]  
[Public Law 338]

Library of Congress.  
46 Stat. 1487.  
2 U. S. C., Supp.  
III, § 135a.

Books for adult  
blind.  
Additional annual  
appropriations.  
*Post*, pp. 350, 599.

Sound-reproduction  
records.

Purchases.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide books for the adult blind", approved March 3, 1931, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually to the Library of Congress, in addition to appropriations otherwise made to said Library, the sum of \$500,000, which sum shall be expended under the direction of the Librarian of Congress to provide books published either in raised characters, on sound-reproduction records, or in any other form, for the use of the adult blind residents of the United States, including the several States, Territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That of said annual appropriation of \$500,000, not exceeding \$100,000 thereof shall be expended for books in raised characters, and not exceeding \$400,000 thereof shall be expended for sound-reproduction records and for the maintenance and replacement of the Government-owned reproducers for sound-reproduction records for the blind. In the purchase of such books, the Librarian of Congress, without reference to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 41, sec. 5), shall give preference to non-profit-making institutions or agencies whose activities are primarily concerned with the blind, in all cases where the prices or bids submitted by such institutions or agencies are, by said Librarian, under all the circumstances and needs involved, determined to be fair and reasonable."

SEC. 2. This Act shall be applicable with respect to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, and for each fiscal year thereafter.

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## [CHAPTER 247]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

To extend the statute of limitation in certain cases.

June 13, 1944  
[S. J. Res. 133]  
[Public Law 339]

Pearl Harbor catastrophe.  
Extension of statutes of limitation.

57 Stat. 605.  
*Post*, p. 808.

Investigation; commencement of proceedings.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That effective as of December 7, 1943, all statutes, resolutions, laws, articles, and regulations, affecting the possible prosecution of any person or persons, military or civil, connected with the Pearl Harbor catastrophe of December 7, 1941, or involved in any other possible or apparent dereliction of duty, or crime or offense against the United States, that operate to prevent the court martial, prosecution, trial or punishment of any person or persons in military or civil capacity, involved in any matter in connection with the Pearl Harbor catastrophe of December 7, 1941, or involved in any other possible or apparent dereliction of duty, or crime or offense against the United States, are hereby extended for a further period of six months, in addition to the extension provided for in Public Law 208, Seventy-eighth Congress.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy are severally directed to proceed forthwith with an investigation into the facts surrounding the catastrophe described in section 1 above, and to commence such proceedings against such persons as the facts may justify.

Approved June 13, 1944.

[CHAPTER 257]

AN ACT

To provide aid to dependent children in the District of Columbia.

June 14, 1944  
[H. R. 3236]  
[Public Law 340]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the care and assistance of dependent children is hereby declared to be a special matter of public concern and a necessity in promoting the public health and welfare. To provide such care and assistance at public expense, a system of aid to dependent children is hereby established for the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.  
Aid to Dependent Children Act.

SEC. 2. The terms "aid" and "assistance" wherever used in this Act shall be construed to mean money payments with respect to a dependent child or dependent children. As used in this Act, the term "dependent child" shall be construed to mean a child under the age of eighteen who has been deprived of parental support or care by reason of death, continued absence from the home, or physical or mental incapacity of a parent, and who is living with his father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, or aunt in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their own home.

Terms construed.

SEC. 3. Aid to dependent children shall be granted with respect to a child who has resided in the District of Columbia for one year immediately preceding the application or who was born in the District of Columbia within one year immediately preceding the application, one or both of whose parents has resided in the District of Columbia for one year immediately preceding the birth.

Residence requirement.

SEC. 4. The Board of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia shall administer assistance under this Act. It shall prescribe the form and print and supply the blanks for applications, reports, and affidavits, and such other forms as it may deem advisable, and shall make rules and regulations necessary for the carrying out of the provisions of this Act and shall make and render any and all reports required by the Social Security Board of the United States Government or otherwise authorized or required by law, and comply with such provisions as the Social Security Board of the United States Government may, from time to time, find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports.

Administration by Board of Public Welfare.

SEC. 5. The amount of assistance for any child and the manner of providing it shall be determined by the Board of Public Welfare with due regard to the conditions existing in each case, and shall be sufficient when added to all other income and support available to the child, to provide such child with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health.

Amount of assistance.

SEC. 6. Application for assistance under this Act shall be made to the Board of Public Welfare. The application shall be made in the manner and form prescribed by the Board of Public Welfare, and shall contain information as to the age and residence of the child and such other information as may be required by the Board of Public Welfare.

Application for assistance.

SEC. 7. Upon the receipt of an application for assistance, an investigation and record shall be made of the circumstances in order to determine the dependency of the child and to ascertain the facts supporting the application and such other information as may be required by the Board of Public Welfare.

Investigation and record.

SEC. 8. Upon completion of such investigation the Board of Public Welfare shall decide whether the child is eligible for assistance under the provisions of this Act, and shall determine the amount of such assistance and the date on which assistance shall begin.

Decision of Board.