

than \$100, or be imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both; and for the second or any subsequent offense, be fined not more than \$300, or be imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both.

Operating vehicle while under influence of liquor or drugs. Penalties.

“(b) No individual shall, while under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug, operate any vehicle in the District. Any individual violating any provision of this subdivision shall upon conviction for the first offense be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both; and upon conviction for the second or any subsequent offense be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both. Upon conviction of a violation of any provision of this paragraph involving the operator of a motor vehicle the clerk of the court shall certify forthwith such conviction to the designated agent of the commissioners who shall thereupon revoke the operator’s permit of such individual.

Revocation of permit.

Prosecutions under former laws.

“(c) Any violation of any provision of law or regulation issued thereunder which is repealed or amended by this Act, and any liability arising under such provisions or regulations may, if the violation occurred or the liability arose prior to such repeal or amendment, be prosecuted to the same extent as if this Act had not been enacted.”

Approved December 15, 1944.

[CHAPTER 589]

AN ACT

December 15, 1944  
[H. R. 3621]  
[Public Law 486]

To amend an Act entitled “An Act to provide for the regulation of motor vehicle traffic in the District of Columbia, increase the number of judges of the police court, and for other purposes.”

District of Columbia Traffic Act, amendment.

43 Stat. 1121.  
D. C. Code § 40-301 (a).

Operators’ permits. Extension of validity for military personnel, etc.

54 Stat. 1178.  
50 U. S. C. app. §§ 501-585; Supp. III, § 501 et seq.  
Ante, p. 722.

57 Stat. 162.  
50 U. S. C., Supp. III, app. §§ 1471-1475.

Possession of last permit.

Evidence of service.

New permits.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 7 (a) of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the regulation of motor vehicle traffic in the District of Columbia, increase the number of judges of the police court, and for other purposes”, approved March 3, 1925, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, further amended by adding at the end of said section 7 (a) the following:

“Any person who is a member of the military service of the United States or of any foreign nation with which the United States may be allied in the prosecution of any war and is entitled to any of the benefits of the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended, or who serves in the merchant marine as defined in the Act entitled ‘An Act to provide reemployment rights for persons who leave their positions to serve in the merchant marine, and for other purposes’, approved June 23, 1943, and who at the time of his entry upon such service was the holder of a valid permit to operate a motor vehicle in the District of Columbia, notwithstanding the subsequent expiration of such permit, shall be entitled to continue to operate a motor vehicle without obtaining a new permit therefor, subject to the conditions herein imposed. Such person shall, while operating a motor vehicle under the provisions of this Act, carry upon his person the last permit to operate a motor vehicle issued to him, which shall have been valid at the time of his entry into one of the services enumerated herein and shall not have been revoked or suspended subsequent thereto, and shall also carry upon his person conclusive evidence of the fact that he is a member of one of such services.

“Any person applying for a new permit to operate an automobile who presents conclusive evidence to the Director of Vehicles and Traffic that he is physically qualified to operate an automobile, that the last permit issued to him has become invalid solely by expiration of time, that he is a member of one of the services enumerated herein or was a member thereof within three months of the date of his

application for a new permit, and pays the fee required by law, shall be issued such new permit without examination. If any permit is lost, misplaced, or stolen, a duplicate shall be furnished by the Director of Vehicles and Traffic free of charge upon application and presentation of conclusive evidence that applicant is a member of one of the services enumerated herein."

SEC. 2. This Act shall cease to be in effect six months after the date of the termination of hostilities in the present war as determined by the President or upon such earlier date as the Congress, by concurrent resolution, may designate.

Approved December 15, 1944.

Duplicates.

Duration of Act.

[CHAPTER 590]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands in Powell townsite, Wyoming, Shoshone reclamation project, Wyoming, to the University of Wyoming.

December 15, 1944  
[H. R. 4665]  
[Public Law 487]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause a patent to issue conveying that unplatted portion of the townsite of Powell, Wyoming, on the Shoshone reclamation project, located in the northwest corner of the townsite, containing approximately twenty-four acres, to the University of Wyoming, in trust for use as an agricultural experiment substation; but in said patent there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, coal, and other mineral deposits within said lands and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same.

University of Wyoming.  
Conveyance of lands.

Use.

SEC. 2. The conveyance herein authorized shall be made upon the express condition that any use to which the area is put shall comply with all town ordinances and that within thirty days of the receipt of any request therefor from the Secretary of the Interior, the president of the University of Wyoming shall submit a report as to the use made of the land herein granted the university during the preceding period named in such request, showing compliance with the terms and conditions stated in this Act; and that in the event of his failure to so report, or in the event of a showing in such report to the Secretary of the Interior that the terms of the grant have not been complied with, the grant shall be held to be forfeited and the title shall revert to the United States, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to determine the facts and declare such forfeiture and such reversion and restore said land to the public domain, and such order of the Secretary shall be final and conclusive.

Condition.

Reversionary provision.

Approved December 15, 1944.

[CHAPTER 591]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the President to appoint an Under Secretary of War during national emergencies, fixing the compensation of the Under Secretary of War, and authorizing the Secretary of War to prescribe duties", approved December 16, 1940.

December 15, 1944  
[H. R. 5494]  
[Public Law 488]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the President to appoint an Under Secretary of War during national emergencies, fixing the compensation of the Under Secretary of War, and authorizing the Secretary of War to prescribe duties", approved December 16, 1940 (54 Stat. 1224), is amended by striking from the last paragraph thereof the sentence

Under Secretary of War.  
Emergency appointment, continuation.

5 U. S. C. § 181a note.