

SEC. 3. The term "dependents" shall include a lawful wife, unmarried dependent child (or children) under twenty-one years of age, and the mother and father of a member of the Navy or Marine Corps if in fact such mother or father is dependent on such member. The term "child (or children)" shall include a natural or adopted child or stepchild. The widows of deceased naval and Marine Corps personnel shall be entitled to hospital care in like manner as dependents.

"Dependents."

SEC. 4. In addition to those persons, including the dependents of naval and Marine Corps personnel, now authorized to receive hospitalization at naval hospitals, hospitalization and dispensary service may be provided at naval hospitals and dispensaries outside of the continental limits of the United States and in Alaska, to the officers and employees of any department or agency of the Federal Government, to employees of a contractor with the United States or his subcontractor, to the dependents of such persons, and in emergencies to such other persons as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe: *Provided*, That such hospitalization and dispensary service to other than the dependents of naval and Marine Corps personnel shall be permitted only where facilities are not otherwise available in reasonably accessible and appropriate non-Federal hospitals. The charge for hospitalization or dispensary service for persons other than dependents of naval and Marine Corps personnel as specified in this section shall be at such rates as the President shall from time to time prescribe, and shall be deposited as provided in section 2.

"Child."

Widows.

Civilian employees, etc., outside U. S.

Rates.

Treatment, restrictions.

SEC. 5. Hospitalization of the dependents of naval and Marine Corps personnel and of the persons outside the naval service mentioned in section 4 of this Act shall be furnished only for acute medical and surgical conditions, exclusive of nervous, mental, or contagious diseases or those requiring domiciliary care. Dental treatment shall be administered only as an adjunct to in-patient hospital care and shall not include dental prosthesis or orthodontia.

Coast Guard.

SEC. 6. During such periods as the Coast Guard may operate as a part of the Navy, the provisions of this Act shall apply to dependents of personnel of the Coast Guard in like manner and to the same extent as to dependents of personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Approved May 10, 1943.

[CHAPTER 96]

AN ACT

To provide for the issuance of devices in recognition of the services of merchant sailors.

May 10, 1943
[H. R. 2281]
[Public Law 52]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator, War Shipping Administration, is hereby authorized to provide and issue (a) a seamen's service insignia of appropriate design to any person who, at any time during the period (hereinafter referred to as the war period) beginning December 7, 1941, and ending with the termination of the present war, serves on any vessel in the American merchant marine, and (b) a seamen's war zone insignia or device of appropriate design to any person who, at any time during the war period, serves on any vessel in the American merchant marine while sailing in any war or combat zone.

Merchant seamen's service insignia.

War zone insignia.

SEC. 2. The Administrator is authorized to provide and issue a seamen's honor bar to any person who, at any time during the war period, serves on any vessel in the American merchant marine which, at the time of such service, is attacked or damaged by an instrumentality of war. The Administrator is further authorized to provide and issue a star (to be attached to such bar) to any such

Honor bar.

Star attachment.

- person who is forced to abandon such vessel when so attacked or damaged, with an additional star for each such abandonment.
- Medal and ribbon, etc.** SEC. 3. The Administrator is authorized to provide and award a medal of appropriate design and a ribbon, together with a rosette or other device to be worn in lieu thereof, to any person who, while serving on any vessel in the American merchant marine during the war period, is wounded, suffers physical injury, or suffers through dangerous exposure as a result of an act of an enemy of the United States.
- Conditions of eligibility.** SEC. 4. The Administrator shall prescribe appropriate conditions of eligibility for the issuance or award of insignia or medals under this Act. Not more than one insignia or medal of each type provided herein shall be issued or awarded to any one person, but for each succeeding service of any person sufficient to justify the award of a medal under section 3 of this Act, the Administrator may award a suitable bar, emblem, or insignia to be worn with the medal. In case any person who performs service sufficient to justify the award of a medal under section 3 dies before the award can be made to him, the award may be made and the medal presented to such representative of the deceased as the Administrator deems proper. No award of any insignia, medal, or device shall be made hereunder after two years after the termination of the present war.
- Posthumous awards.** SEC. 5. The Administrator is authorized to approve a design for a seamen's service flag which may be displayed, and a design for a service lapel button which may be worn, by members of the immediate family of a person serving in the American merchant marine during the war period. In approving any design under this section, the Administrator may approve the design approved by the Secretary of War under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved October 17, 1942 (Public Law 750, Seventy-seventh Congress), but only if the Secretary of War shall consent thereto and the Administrator shall approve for use in connection therewith a distinctive insignia or other device designating service in the American merchant marine. The Administrator, upon approval of the design for such service flag and service lapel button, shall cause notice of such approval and a description of the flag and button to be published in the Federal Register.
- Time limitation.** SEC. 6. (a) The Administrator is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be appropriate to carry out the provisions of this Act.
- Service flag and lapel button.** (b) The Administrator is authorized to expend out of any funds available for expenditure by the War Shipping Administration such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.
- 56 Stat. 796.
36 U. S. C., Supp.
II, §§ 179-182.**
- Notice in Federal Register.
8 F. R. 13069.**
- Rules and regulations.**
- Expenditures.**
- Approved May 10, 1943.

[CHAPTER 97]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To extend the provisions of the Bituminous Coal Act of 1937 for a period of ninety days.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 19 of the Bituminous Coal Act of 1937 (relating to termination of the Act) is amended by striking out "May 24, 1943" and inserting in lieu thereof "August 24, 1943".

(b) Section 3527 of the Internal Revenue Code (relating to termination of the bituminous coal taxes) is amended by striking out "May 23, 1943" and inserting in lieu thereof "August 23, 1943".

Approved May 21, 1943.

May 21, 1943
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[Public Law 53]

Bituminous Coal
Act of 1937.
Time extension.
Ante, p. 68.

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