

- 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  
[H. J. Res. 122]  
[Public Law 53]

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

*Ante*, p. 68.

[CHAPTER 98]

AN ACT

To provide for special assessments for the laying of curbs and gutters.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter, when any curb or gutter is laid, or any curb and gutter are laid, on any street, avenue, or road in the District of Columbia which said curb shall be constructed of concrete, stone, or other permanent type of construction, or which said gutter shall be constructed of concrete, brick, granite block, asphalt on a concrete base, or other permanent type of construction, one-half of the total cost thereof shall be charged against and become a lien upon the property abutting the side of the street, avenue, or road, or portion thereof, so improved, and assessments therefor shall be levied pro rata according to the linear frontage of said property on the side of the street, avenue, or road, or portion thereof, so improved: *Provided, however,* That no assessments shall be levied hereunder on account of the replacement of any curb or gutter or curb and gutter of a permanent type of construction. When any gutter shall be constructed, in whole or in part, as an integral portion of a permanent type of roadway of any street, avenue, or road, so much of said roadway as lies within two feet of the curb line shall be considered as a gutter for the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 2. The total assessment levied hereunder against any abutting property shall not exceed the number of square feet of area of said property multiplied by 1 per centum of the linear front-foot assessment and shall not exceed 10 per centum of the value of the said abutting property, exclusive of improvements thereon, as assessed for the purpose of taxation at the time of the laying of the curb or gutter or curb and gutter for which said assessment is levied. In computing assessments hereunder against unsubdivided land according to the assessed valuation, there shall be excluded from the computation land lying back more than one hundred feet from the street, avenue, or road being improved where the depth is even, and where the depth is uneven the average depth shall be taken in computation but not to exceed more than one hundred feet.

SEC. 3. When any property abuts two or more streets, avenues, or roads, the assessments against said property levied hereunder shall not exceed in the aggregate, together with any legal assessments heretofore levied and paid for paving, curbing, and guttering of or on said streets, avenues, or roads, under the authority of the Acts of July 21, 1914 (38 Stat. 524), and September 1, 1916 (39 Stat. 716), relating to assessments for the paving of streets, avenues, and roads, or under the Act of August 7, 1894 (28 Stat. 250), relating to assessments for laying curbs, or under the Act of February 20, 1931 (46 Stat. 1197), entitled "An Act to provide for special assessments for the paving of roadways and the laying of curbs and gutters", 3½ cents per square foot of area of said property, or 20 per centum of the value of said property, exclusive of improvements thereon, as assessed for the purpose of taxation at the time of the laying of the curb or gutter or curb and gutter for which said assessment is levied.

SEC. 4. No assessments shall be levied under said Act of Congress approved February 20, 1931, for any roadway improvement completed subsequent to the approval of this Act, but for curbs or gutters, or curbs and gutters, completed subsequent to the approval of this Act, assessments shall be levied against the abutting property in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Approved May 25, 1943.

• May 25, 1943  
[H. R. 2159]  
[Public Law 54]

District of Columbia.  
Assessment for laying curbs and gutters.

Replacements.

Total assessment computation.

Property abutting two or more streets.

• D. C. Code §§ 7-611, 7-612.

D. C. Code § 7-606.

D. C. Code §§ 7-622 to 7-633.

Improvements subsequently completed.