

absence as may exceed six months in the aggregate in any calendar year, shall be excluded, except leaves of absence granted employees while performing active military or naval service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States or while receiving benefits under the United States Employees' Compensation Act, and in the case of substitutes in the Postal Service credit shall be given from date of original appointment as a substitute."

Approved December 21, 1945.

39 Stat. 742.
5 U. S. C. §§ 751-791,
793; Supp. IV, ch. 15.
Ante, p. 503.

[CHAPTER 585]

AN ACT

December 21, 1945
[S. 1366]
[Public Law 266]

To authorize the State of Tennessee to convey a railroad right-of-way through Montgomery Bell Park.

Montgomery Bell
Park, Dickson
County, Tenn.
Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State of Tennessee is hereby authorized and empowered to convey a right-of-way for railroad purposes, not in excess of one hundred feet in width, to The Nashville, Chattanooga and Saint Louis Railway over, through, and across the Montgomery Bell Park in Dickson County, Tennessee (previously known as the Montgomery Bell recreational demonstration area), notwithstanding the express condition contained in deed dated May 25, 1943, from the United States of America to the State of Tennessee, which deed was executed pursuant to the Act of June 6, 1942 (56 Stat. 326), entitled "An Act to authorize the disposition of recreational demonstration projects and for other purposes". Such conveyance by the State of Tennessee shall not be deemed a breach of the express condition that the State of Tennessee should use the said property exclusively for public park, recreational, and conservation purposes. The State of Tennessee is authorized to expend funds received as a consideration for such conveyance for the acquisition of additional land needed to round out the Montgomery Bell Park area.

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16 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, §§ 459r-459t.

[CHAPTER 586]

AN ACT

December 21, 1945
[H. R. 608]
[Public Law 267]

To exclude certain lands in Deschutes County, Oregon, from the provisions of Revised Statutes 2319 to 2337, inclusive, relating to the promotion of the development of the mining resources of the United States.

Deschutes County,
Oreg.
Mineral deposits
within designated
lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That within the following-described real property situated in Deschutes County, Oregon, namely, sections 13 to 16, inclusive, sections 21 to 28, inclusive, sections 33 to 36, inclusive, township 21 south, range 12 east, Willamette meridian; sections 16 to 21, inclusive, sections 28 to 33, inclusive, township 21 south, range 13 east, Willamette meridian; sections 1 to 4, inclusive, sections 9 to 12, inclusive, township 22 south, range 12 east, Willamette meridian; and sections 4 to 9, inclusive, township 22 south, range 13 east, Willamette meridian; deposits of all minerals are excluded from the operation of Revised Statutes 2319 to 2337, inclusive (relating to the promotion of the development of the mining resources of the United States): *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall disturb any vested rights of any person or persons in or to said real property or any part thereof.

Approved December 21, 1945.

30 U. S. C. § 22 *et*
seq.

[CHAPTER 588]

AN ACT

To amend the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second sentence of section 100 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, is amended to read as follows: "The Administrator is authorized, for the purpose of extending benefits to veterans and dependents, and to the extent he deems necessary, to procure the necessary space for administrative, clinical, medical, and out-patient treatment purposes by lease, purchase, or construction of buildings, or by condemnation or declaration of taking, pursuant to existing statutes."

SEC. 2. Section 104 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, is amended by striking out the second paragraph thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Any veteran entitled to a prosthetic appliance shall be furnished such fitting and training, including institutional training, in the use of such appliance as may be necessary, whether in a Veterans' Administration facility, other training institution, or by out-patient treatment, including such service under contract and including necessary travel expenses to and from their homes to such hospital or training institution.

"The Administrator may procure any and all items mentioned herein, including necessary services required in the fitting, supplying, and training in use of such items by purchase, manufacture, contract, or in such other manner as the Administrator may determine to be proper without regard to any other provision of law."

SEC. 3. Section 200 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(c) The Administrator is further authorized at his discretion and under such regulations as he may prescribe to furnish, if available, necessary space and suitable office facilities for the use of paid full-time representatives of such organizations."

SEC. 4. Section 302 (a) of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 302. (a) The Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Treasury are authorized and directed to establish, from time to time, boards of review composed of five commissioned officers, two of whom shall be selected from the Medical Corps of the Army or Navy, or from the Public Health Service, as the case may be. It shall be the duty of any such board to review, at the request of any officer retired or released from active service, without pay, for physical disability pursuant to the decision of a retiring board, board of medical survey, or disposition board, the findings and decisions of such board. Such review shall be based upon all available service records relating to the officer requesting such review, and such other evidence as may be presented by such officer. Witnesses shall be permitted to present testimony either in person or by affidavit, and the officer requesting review shall be allowed to appear before such board of review in person or by counsel. In carrying out its duties under this section such board of review shall have the same powers as exercised by, or vested in, the board whose findings and decision are being reviewed. The proceedings and decision of each such board of review affirming or reversing the decision of any such retiring board, board of medical survey, or disposition board shall be transmitted to the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, or

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Space for medical, etc., treatment purposes.
58 Stat. 284
38 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 693.
Ante, p. 463.

58 Stat. 285.
38 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 693d.

Prosthetic appliances.

58 Stat. 285.
38 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 693f.

Facilities for representatives of veterans' organizations.

58 Stat. 287.
38 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 693i.
Boards of review.

Duties.

Testimony.

Powers.

Approval or disapproval by President.