

## [CHAPTER 120]

## AN ACT

April 8, 1946  
[S. 473]  
[Public Law 337]

Relating to pay and allowances of officers of the retired list of the Regular Navy and Coast Guard performing active duty in the rank of rear admiral.

Regular Navy and  
Coast Guard.  
Pay, etc., of certain  
officers of retired list.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any officer of the retired list of the Navy or Coast Guard of the permanent grade or rank of rear admiral who is entitled to the pay of the lower half of that grade and who is, has been, or may be recalled to active duty and who in time of war or other national emergency served, serves, or may serve satisfactorily on active duty for a period of two years or more in the grade or rank of rear admiral or in a higher grade, shall be entitled when on active duty to the pay and allowances of a rear admiral of the upper half unless he is entitled under other provisions of law to higher pay and allowances, and he shall be entitled when on inactive duty to retired pay equal to 75 per centum of the pay of a rear admiral of the upper half unless he is entitled under other provisions of law to higher retired pay or allowances: *Provided,* That no back pay or allowances shall be held to have accrued under this Act prior to the date of its approval.

Approved April 8, 1946.

## [CHAPTER 121]

## AN ACT

April 9, 1946  
[S. 1657]  
[Public Law 338]

To amend Public Law 779 of the Seventy-seventh Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for furnishing transportation for certain Government and other personnel necessary for the effective prosecution of the war, and for other purposes", approved December 1, 1942, and for other purposes.

Transportation of  
personnel engaged in  
war effort.  
50 U. S. C., Supp.  
V, app. § 841, par. 4.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) section 1, paragraph 4, of the Act of December 1, 1942 (56 Stat. 1024; 50 U. S. C., Supp. III, App. 841), entitled "An Act to provide for furnishing transportation for certain Government and other personnel necessary to provide for the effective prosecution of the war, and for other purposes", is amended to read as follows:

Exercise of authority  
only if facilities inade-  
quate.

"4. The authority herein granted the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Chairman of the Maritime Commission shall be exercised in each case only after a determination by the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, or the Chairman of the Maritime Commission, as the case may be, that existing private and other facilities are not and cannot be rendered adequate by other means, and that its exercise will result in the most efficient method of supplying transportation to the personnel concerned and a proper utilization of transportation facilities."

50 U. S. C., Supp.  
V, app. § 842.  
Reports to Con-  
gress.

(b) Section 2 of said Act is amended to read as follows:  
"SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Chairman of the Maritime Commission, respectively, to file with the Congress, within sixty days after the end of the fiscal year, a summarized report of the exercise of the authority herein granted, which report shall include (1) location, nature, and size of the plant for which transportation facilities were provided; (2) type, amount, and original cost of equipment furnished; (3) outline of lease or charter for rented or reciprocally used equipment with total costs for period of use or operation; and (4) citation of

authority of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, or the Chairman of the Maritime Commission, under which exercised.”

SEC. 2. The Act of October 25, 1943 (57 Stat. 575; U. S. C., Supp. III, title 38, ch. 1, sec. 11a), entitled “An Act to provide for furnishing transportation in Government-owned automotive vehicles for employees of the Veterans’ Administration at field stations in the absence of adequate public or private transportation” is amended to read as follows:

“That during the present war and not exceeding six months after the termination of the war, the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs, whenever he finds such action to be necessary for the efficient conduct of the affairs of his Administration, and under such regulations as he may prescribe, is authorized to utilize automotive equipment of the Veterans’ Administration to transport its employees between field stations and nearest adequate public transportation at such reasonable rates of fare for the service furnished as he may establish. All moneys collected as fares from such employees shall be accounted for and shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of miscellaneous receipts. The authority herein granted the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs shall be exercised with respect to any station only after determination by the Administrator that existing private and other facilities are not and cannot be rendered adequate by other means, and that its exercise will result in the most efficient method of supplying transportation to the personnel concerned and a proper utilization of transportation facilities.”

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38 U. S. C., Supp.  
V, § 11a note.

Veterans’ Adminis-  
tration.  
Field stations.

Moneys collected as  
fares.

Exercise of authority.

[CHAPTER 122]

AN ACT

To reimburse certain Navy personnel and former Navy personnel for personal property lost or damaged as the result of fires which occurred at various Navy shore activities.

April 9, 1946  
[S. 1739]  
[Public Law 339]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sum or sums, amounting in the aggregate not to exceed \$1,741.95, as may be required by the Secretary of the Navy to reimburse, under such regulations as he may prescribe, certain Navy personnel and former Navy personnel for the value of personal property lost or damaged as the result of fires occurring in a drill hall hangar and Quonset hut, Naval air station, Pasco, Washington, on February 27, 1945; in Quonset hut, United States Naval Receiving Station, Navy 128, on July 15, 1945; in building 178 at Scout Observation Service Unit One, Navy 128, on July 27, 1945: *Provided,* That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Navy personnel and  
former Navy person-  
nel.  
Reimbursement.

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