

States, except the internal revenue laws other than those contained in the Philippine Trade Act of 1946: *Provided, however,* That hereafter all taxes collected under the internal revenue laws of the United States on articles produced in Puerto Rico and transported to the United States, or consumed in the island shall be covered into the Treasury of Puerto Rico.”

Approved April 30, 1946.

[CHAPTER 245]

AN ACT

To effectuate the purposes of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

May 1, 1946  
 [S. 1152]  
 [Public Law 372]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia Servicemen's Readjustment Enabling Act of 1945”.

Short title.

SEC. 2. (a) The disability of minority of a resident of the District of Columbia who is eligible for guaranty of a loan pursuant to the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (58 Stat. L. 284) and of a minor spouse of any such resident (when acting jointly with such resident) is hereby removed with respect to the incurring of any obligation all or part of which is guaranteed under the provisions of said Act or in conjunction with which a secondary loan is so guaranteed, and with respect to the exercise of the rights of ownership in any property acquired with the proceeds of any such obligation, including the right to sell, convey, lease, encumber, improve, or maintain the same and to further obligate himself incident to his exercise of such rights.

Removal of disability of minority for loan benefits.  
 38 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 693-697g.  
*Post*, pp. 299, 932.

Rights of ownership.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any building association or building and loan association or any savings and loan association, incorporated or unincorporated, organized and operating under the laws of the District of Columbia, or any Federal savings and loan association whose main office is in the District of Columbia, may invest its funds in: (1) Property-improvement loans insured or insurable under title I of the National Housing Act; (2) loans to veterans of World War II when guaranteed in whole or in part by a loan guaranty certificate issued under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 including, without limitation, such loans as are unsecured and such loans as are junior to another mortgage or lien upon the security; and (3) other secured or unsecured loan for property alteration, repair, or improvement or for home equipment: *Provided*, That no such unsecured loan not insured or guaranteed by a Federal agency shall be made in excess of \$2,000: *Provided further*, That the total amount loaned or invested and held in unsecured loans not insured or guaranteed by a Federal agency as provided for under this subsection at any one time shall not exceed 15 per centum of the association's assets.

Designated investments by building and loan associations.

48 Stat. 1246.  
 12 U. S. C. §§ 1702-1706; Supp. V, § 1702 *et seq.*  
 58 Stat. 284.  
 38 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 693-697g.  
*Post*, pp. 299, 932.

Unsecured loans.

SEC. 3. Any building association, building and loan association, or savings and loan association organized and operating under the laws of the District of Columbia, is authorized to lend money to veterans of World War II and others upon the security of a first deed of trust or first mortgage upon real estate, to be repaid in monthly or quarterly payments to be applied first to interest and the balance to principal until the indebtedness is paid in full, and without subscription to, or ownership of any shares, and such loans shall be known as direct-reduction loans. Direct-reduction-loan borrowers, and all persons assuming or obligated under direct-reduction loans made or

Direct-reduction loans.

held by such association shall be members of the association, and at all meetings of the members of the association, each borrower or each obligor upon a direct-reduction loan shall be entitled to one vote as such member.

Approved May 1, 1946.

[CHAPTER 246]

JOINT RESOLUTION

May 2, 1946  
[H. J. Res. 333]  
[Public Law 373]

To provide for the reappointment of Doctor Vannevar Bush as citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Board of Regents of  
Smithsonian Institution.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, of the class other than Members of Congress, which will occur by the expiration of the term of Doctor Vannevar Bush, of Washington, District of Columbia, on April 4, 1946, be filled by the reappointment of the present incumbent for the statutory term of six years.

Approved May 2, 1946.

[CHAPTER 247]

AN ACT

May 2, 1946  
[H. R. 5400]  
[Public Law 374]

Making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes.

War Department  
Civil Appropriation  
Act, 1947.  
*Post*, pp. 268, 565,  
917.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes, namely:

CIVIL FUNCTIONS OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

CEMETERIAL EXPENSES

*Post*, p. 268.

Maintenance of National cemeteries.

Cemeterial expenses: For maintaining and improving national cemeteries, including fuel for and pay of superintendents and the superintendent at Mexico City, and other employees; purchase of grave sites; purchase of tools and materials; purchase (not to exceed five), repair, maintenance, and operation of passenger-carrying motor vehicles; care and maintenance of the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater, chapel, and grounds in the Arlington National Cemetery, and that portion of Congressional Cemetery to which the United States has title and the graves of those buried therein, including Confederate graves, and including the burial site of Pushmataha, a Choctaw Indian chief; repair to roadways but not to more than a single approach road to any national cemetery constructed under special Act of Congress; for headstones or markers for unmarked graves of soldiers, sailors, and marines under the Acts approved March 3, 1873, February 3, 1879, February 26, 1929, and April 18, 1940 (24 U. S. C. 279-280b), and civilians interred in post cemeteries; for repairs and preservation of monuments, tablets, roads, fences, and so forth, made and constructed by the United States in Cuba and China to mark the places where American soldiers fell; care, protection, and maintenance of the Confederate Mound in Oakwood Cemetery at Chicago, the Confederate Stockade Cemetery at Johnstons Island, the Confederate

Headstones.  
17 Stat. 543; 20 Stat.  
281; 45 Stat. 1307; 54  
Stat. 142.

Confederate cemeteries.