

## [CHAPTER 170]

## AN ACT

April 3, 1948  
[H. R. 4478]  
[Public Law 473]

To provide basic authority for certain administrative expenditures for the Veterans' Administration, and for other purposes.

Veterans' Adminis-  
tration.  
Expenditures author-  
ized.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That appropriations hereafter made for the Veterans' Administration shall be available, subject to such limitations as the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may prescribe by regulations, (1) for furnishing and laundering such wearing apparel as may be prescribed for employees in the performance of their official duties, and (2) for transporting children of Veterans' Administration employees located at isolated stations to and from school in available Government-owned automotive equipment.

38 U. S. C. note  
foll. § 739, p. 4276.

SEC. 2. Veterans Regulation Numbered 6 (a), as amended, is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph IX as follows:

Tobacco.

"IX. Subject to such regulations as he may prescribe, the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to provide for the purchase of tobacco to be furnished to veterans receiving hospital treatment or domiciliary care in Veterans' Administration hospitals or homes."

Post, p. 471.

SEC. 3. The Act of March 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 49; 38 U. S. C. 76), is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section as follows:

Printed reduced-  
fare requests.

"SEC. 2. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is hereby authorized to provide for the purchase of printed reduced-fare requests for use by veterans when traveling at their own expense from or to Veterans' Administration facilities."

Preparation, etc., of  
exhibits.

SEC. 4. Within the limitations of the appropriations made therefor the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to provide for the preparation, shipment, installation, and display of exhibits, photographic displays, moving pictures and other visual educational information and descriptive material, including the purchase or rental of equipment.

58 Stat. 300.

SEC. 5. Section 1500 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended (38 U. S. C. 697), is amended by inserting "(a)" immediately following "SEC. 1500" and adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

Allotments and  
transfers to certain  
agencies.

"(b) When so specified in an appropriation or other Act, the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to make allotments and transfers to the Federal Security Agency (Public Health Service), the War, Navy, and Interior Departments, for disbursement by them under the various headings of their applicable appropriations, of such amounts as are necessary for the care and treatment of beneficiaries of the Veterans' Administration: *Provided*, That the amounts to be charged the Veterans' Administration for such care and treatment of patients in hospitals shall be calculated on the basis of a per diem rate approved by the Bureau of the Budget."

Hospital care and  
treatment.

54 Stat. 1184.

Crediting of certain  
moneys.

SEC. 6. Section 406 of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended (50 U. S. C. App. 546), is amended by adding the following new sentence at the end thereof: "Any moneys received as repayment of debts incurred under this article, as originally enacted and as amended, shall be credited to the appropriation for the payment of claims under this article."

Approved April 3, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 171]

## AN ACT

To extend the authority of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to establish and continue offices in the territory of the Republic of the Philippines.

April 3, 1948  
[H. R. 4943]  
[Public Law 474]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Public Law 91, Eightieth Congress, approved June 14, 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

61 Stat. 132.  
38 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
§ 693a note.

"That the authority in section 7 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924 (43 Stat. 609; 38 U. S. C. 430), and section 101 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 284; 38 U. S. C. 693a), to establish and continue regional offices, suboffices, contact units, or other subordinate offices may continue to be exercised by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs with respect to territory of the Republic of the Philippines on and after the date of its independence if he deems such offices necessary, but in no event after June 30, 1950."

Approved April 3, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 173]

## AN ACT

To amend the Tariff Act of 1930 with reference to platinum foxes, and platinum fox furs, and for other purposes.

April 5, 1948  
[H. R. 4938]  
[Public Law 475]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That paragraph 1519 of the Tariff Act of 1930 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new subparagraph to read as follows:

Tariff Act of 1930,  
amendments.  
48 Stat. 663.  
19 U. S. C. § 1001,  
par. 1519.

"(f) As used in this paragraph the term 'silver or black fox' includes platinum fox and any fox which is a mutation, or type developed, from silver, black, or platinum foxes."

SEC. 2. Paragraph 1606 (a) of such Tariff Act is amended by striking out "except black or silver foxes" and inserting in lieu thereof "except black, silver, or platinum foxes, and any fox which is a mutation, or type developed, therefrom".

46 Stat. 673.  
19 U. S. C. § 1201,  
par. 1606 (a).

Approved April 5, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 177]

## AN ACT

To exempt Hawaii and Alaska from the requirements of the Act of April 29, 1902, relating to the procurement of statistics of trade between the United States and its noncontiguous territory.

April 7, 1948  
[H. R. 3229]  
[Public Law 476]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act entitled "An Act to facilitate the procurement of statistics of trade between the United States and its noncontiguous territory", approved April 29, 1902 (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 46, sec. 95), is hereby amended by striking out "Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Alaska," and inserting in lieu thereof "Puerto Rico,".

32 Stat. 172.

Approved April 7, 1948.