

which salary grades are provided by such Act, shall, for purposes of establishing eligibility for promotion in the position to which he transfers or is transferred, (1) in the case of an employee in a position for which automatic promotions are provided, be credited with all satisfactory service since his last automatic promotion and (2) in the case of an employee in a position for which automatic promotions are not provided, be credited with all satisfactory service, not exceeding one year of such service, performed in such position.

SEC. 2. Any such employee shall be eligible for promotion within the salary grades of his new position after completing an amount of service in such position, which when added to the prior service for which credit is provided by the first section of this Act, gives such employee sufficient service for promotion in his new position.

SEC. 3. As used in this Act, the term "employee" includes postmasters, officers, supervisors, special-delivery messengers in offices of the first class, and all other employees paid from field appropriations of the postal service for whom salary grades are provided in the Act entitled "An Act to reclassify the salaries of postmasters, officers, and employees of the Postal Service; to establish uniform procedures for computing compensation; and for other purposes", approved July 6, 1945.

SEC. 4. This Act shall be applicable in determining eligibility for promotion of any employee who has been transferred from one position of the postal service to another prior to the date of enactment of this Act and who has not received a promotion in his new position since such transfer, except that no employee shall be promoted because of such application prior to the first day of the first quarter which begins after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 5. The rate of compensation of any employee in the postal service whose services are utilized in a dual capacity shall not be reduced as a result of employment in such capacity: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to the rural delivery service.

SEC. 6. The provisions of sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this Act shall not apply to employees who transfer or are transferred to the position of post-office inspector or to the position of railway postal clerk.

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Eligibility for promotion.

"Employee."

59 Stat. 435.
39 U. S. C. §§ 851-876; Supp. I, § 853 *et seq.*
Post., pp. 490, 1108, 1165, 1260.

Transfer from one position to another.

Dual capacity.

Nonapplicability.

[CHAPTER 506]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the training of officers for the naval service, and for other purposes", approved August 13, 1946, as amended.

June 19, 1948
[S. 1214]
[Public Law 675]

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 provide for the training of officers for the naval service, and for other purposes", approved August 13, 1946 (60 Stat. 1057), as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Navy.
Officer training.

(a) In clause (b) of section 2 after the word "Navy" insert the following: " , or his designated representative".

34 U. S. C. § 1020a (b).

(b) Amend the first sentence of the first proviso of section 4 to read as follows: "*Provided*, That such benefits and retainer pay shall commence to accrue on the day each midshipman or apprentice seaman commences his first term of college work under the provisions of this Act and that such benefits and retainer pay may be received by midshipmen appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of section 3 for a period not exceeding four academic years."

34 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 1020c.
Benefits and retainer pay.

(c) Amend section 8 to read as follows:

34 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 1020b (a).

"SEC. 8. The Secretary of the Navy shall during the second quarter of each calendar year cause to be examined (a) the records of all ensigns of the line of the Navy and second lieutenants of the Marine

34 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 1020g.
Selection of officers for retention.

Corps commissioned pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection (a) of section 6 who apply prior to April 1 of that calendar year or prior to the first anniversary of the acceptance of their commissions, whichever is earlier, for retention in the Regular service as permanent officers and who in the then current calendar year will reach the first anniversary of the date of acceptance of their appointment as ensigns in the Navy or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps, selecting from among such officers the number he may determine necessary for retention, and (b) the records of all other officers appointed pursuant to this Act who apply prior to April 1 of the third calendar year following that in which they accepted their commissions or prior to the third anniversary of the acceptance of their commissions, whichever is earlier, for retention in the Regular service as permanent officers and who in the then current calendar year will reach the third anniversary of the date of acceptance of their appointment as ensigns in the Navy or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps, selecting from among such officers the number that he may determine necessary for retention."

(d) Amend section 9 to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. (a) The commission of each officer commissioned pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection (a) of section 6 who, prior to April 1 of the calendar year following that in which he accepted his commission or prior to the first anniversary of the acceptance of his commission, whichever is earlier, shall not have applied for retention in the Regular service, shall be terminated not later than the first anniversary of his acceptance of his commission, and the commission of each such officer who applies for retention as a permanent officer within the time limits prescribed by this subsection, but who is not selected for retention under clause (a) of section 8 shall be terminated not later than June 30 of the appropriate calendar year or the first anniversary of his acceptance of his commission, whichever is the later date. Upon termination of commission, each such officer who thereupon accepts appointment to commissioned rank in the Naval or Marine Corps Reserve may apply for and receive retainer pay at the rate of \$100 for each calendar month or part thereof during which, while an officer of the Naval or Marine Corps Reserve, he pursues full-time instruction in an accredited college or university but not to exceed a total of \$2,000, such instruction to commence not later than a date to be determined by the Secretary of the Navy; in addition, each such officer shall be entitled to the benefits provided for him by section 10 of this Act.

"(b) The commission of each officer commissioned pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection (a) of section 6 and pursuant to subsection (b) of section 6 who, prior to April 1 of the third calendar year following that in which he accepted his commission or prior to the third anniversary of the acceptance of his commission, whichever is earlier, shall not have applied for retention in the Regular service, shall be terminated not later than the third anniversary of his acceptance of his commission, and the commission of each such officer who applies for retention as a permanent officer within the time limits prescribed by this subsection, but who is not selected for retention under clause (b) of section 8 shall be terminated not later than June 30 of the appropriate calendar year or the third anniversary of his acceptance of his commission, whichever is the later date. Upon termination of commission, each such officer may be commissioned in the Naval or Marine Corps Reserve in the grade of lieutenant (junior grade) or first lieutenant, as the case may be (if in a staff corps, with the grade of lieutenant (junior grade)), and to rank from a date three years after the date of rank stated in his original commission in the Regular Navy or Regular Marine Corps."

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60 Stat. 1060.
34 U. S. C., Supp. I,
§ 1020h.
Termination of com-
mission.
34 U. S. C., Supp. I,
§ 1020e (a).

Ante, p. 485.

Appointment to
commissioned rank in
Reserve.

34 U. S. C., Supp. I,
§ 1020i.

34 U. S. C. § 1020e;
Supp. I, § 1020e.

Supra.

Reserve commission
in grade of lieutenant
(jg), etc.

[CHAPTER 507]

AN ACT

To amend sections 1301 and 1303 of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia, relating to liability for causing death by wrongful act.

June 19, 1948
[S. 1205]

[Public Law 676]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1301 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Code of Law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, is amended to read as follows:

D. C. Code, amend-
ments.

31 Stat. 1394.
D. C. Code § 16-1201.
Death by wrongful
act, etc.

"SEC. 1301. LIABILITY.—Whenever by an injury done or happening within the limits of the District of Columbia the death of a person shall be caused by the wrongful act, neglect, or default, of any person or corporation, and the act, neglect, or default is such as would, if death had not ensued, have entitled the party injured, or if the person injured be a married woman, have entitled her husband, either separately or by joining with the wife, to maintain an action and recover damages, the person who or corporation which would have been liable if death had not ensued shall be liable to an action for damages for such death, notwithstanding the death of the person injured, even though the death shall have been caused under circumstances which constitute a felony; and such damages shall be assessed with reference to the injury resulting from such act, neglect, or default causing such death, to the spouse and next of kin of such deceased person; and shall also include the reasonable expenses of last illness and burial: *Provided*, That if there be a surviving spouse the jury shall allocate the portion of its verdict payable to the spouse and next of kin, respectively, according to the finding of damage to said spouse and next of kin: *Provided further*, That if in a particular case the verdict is deemed excessive the trial justice or the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, on appeal of the cause, may order a reduction of the verdict: *And provided further*, That no action shall be maintained under this chapter in any case when the party injured by such wrongful act, neglect, or default has recovered damages therefor during the life of such party."

Surviving spouse
and next of kin.

Recovery of dam-
ages during life of
party.

SEC. 2. Section 1303 of such Act is amended to read as follows:

31 Stat. 1395.
D. C. Code § 16-1203.

"SEC. 1303. DISTRIBUTION OF DAMAGES.—The damages recovered in such action, except the amount specified by the verdict or judgment covering the reasonable expenses of last illness and burial, shall not be appropriated to the payment of the debts or liabilities of such deceased person, but shall inure to the benefit of his or her family and be distributed to the spouse and next of kin according to the allocation made by the verdict or judgment, or in the absence of such allocation, according to the provisions of the statute of distribution in force in said District of Columbia."

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 508]

AN ACT

To amend sections 235 and 327 of the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia.

June 19, 1948
[S. 1442]

[Public Law 677]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 235 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 Stat. 1227.
D. C. Code § 12-101.

"SEC. 235. On the death of any person in whose favor or against whom a right of action may have accrued for any cause prior to his death, said right of action shall survive in favor of or against the legal representative of the deceased: *Provided, however*, That in tort

Survival of right of
action.

Tort actions.