

issued therefor, not less than \$100 worth of labor to be performed or improvements aggregating such amount to be made each year, be, and the same is hereby, suspended as to all mining claims in the United States until the hour of 12 o'clock meridian of the 1st day of July 1949: *Provided*, That every claimant of any such mining claim in order to obtain the benefits of this Act shall file, or cause to be filed, in the office where the location notice or certificate is recorded, on or before 12 o'clock meridian of August 1, 1949, a notice of his desire to hold said mining claim under this Act: *Provided further*, That any labor performed or improvements made on any such mining claim during the year ending July 1, 1949, may be credited against the labor or improvements required to be performed or made for the year ending at 12 o'clock meridian on the 1st day of July 1950.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any Act of Congress to the contrary, any person who hereafter prospects for, mines, or removes, by strip or open pit mining methods, any minerals from any land included in a stock raising or other homestead entry or patent, and who had been liable under such an existing Act only for damages caused thereby to the crops or improvements of the entryman or patentee, shall also be liable for any damage that may be caused to the value of the land for grazing by such prospecting for, mining, or removal of minerals. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair any vested right in existence on the effective date of this section.

Liability for damages.

Approved June 17, 1949.

[CHAPTER 225]

AN ACT

To provide benefits for members of the reserve components of the armed forces who suffer disability or death from injuries incurred while engaged in active-duty training for periods of less than thirty days or while engaged in inactive-duty training.

June 20, 1949  
[S. 213]

[Public Law 108]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 4 of the Naval Aviation Personnel Act of 1940, as amended (U. S. C., title 34, sec. 855c-1), is amended to read as follows:

Reserve components of armed forces.

34 Stat. 864.

Disability or death benefits.

"SEC. 4. All officers, nurses, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the United States Naval Reserve or United States Marine Corps Reserve, who—

"(1) if called or ordered into active naval or military service by the Federal Government for extended naval or military service in excess of thirty days, suffer disability or death in line of duty from disease while so employed; or

"(2) if called or ordered by the Federal Government to active naval or military service or to perform active duty for training or inactive-duty training for any period of time, suffer disability or death in line of duty from injury while so employed;

shall be deemed to have been in the active naval service during such period, and they or their beneficiaries shall be in all respects entitled to receive the same pensions, compensation, death gratuity, retirement pay, hospital benefits, and pay and allowances as are now or may hereafter be provided by law or regulation for officers, warrant officers, nurses, and enlisted men of corresponding grades and length of service of the Regular Navy or Marine Corps: *Provided*, That if a person who is eligible for the benefits prescribed by this Act be also eligible for pension under the provisions of the Act of June 23, 1937 (50 Stat. 305), compensation from the Bureau of Employees' Compensation, Federal Security Agency, under the provisions of section 304 of the

38 U. S. C. note  
foill. § 739, p. 4265.

34 U. S. C. § 855c.

Naval Reserve Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 1181) or retired pay under the provision of section 310 of the Naval Reserve Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 1183), he shall elect which benefit he shall receive."

34 U. S. C. § 855i.

53 Stat. 557.  
10 U. S. C. § 456.  
Army or Air Force.

SEC. 2. The last proviso to section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide more effectively for the national defense by carrying out the recommendations of the President in his message of January 12, 1939, to the Congress", approved April 3, 1939, as amended, is amended to read as follows: "*Provided further*, That all officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the Army of the United States, or the Air Force of the United States, other than the officers and enlisted men of the Regular Army, or the Regular Air Force who—

"(1) if called or ordered into the active military service by the Federal Government for extended military service in excess of thirty days suffer disability or death in line of duty from disease while so employed; or

"(2) if called or ordered by the Federal Government to active military service or to perform active duty for training or inactive-duty training for any period of time, suffer disability or death in line of duty from injury while so employed,

shall be deemed to have been in the active military service during such period and shall be in all respects entitled to receive the same pensions, compensation, death gratuity, retirement pay, hospital benefits, and pay and allowances as are now or may hereafter be provided by law or regulation for officers and enlisted men of corresponding grades and length of service of the Regular Army or the Regular Air Force."

National Guard.

SEC. 3. All officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the National Guard of the United States, both ground and air, the federally recognized National Guard of the several States, Territories, and the District of Columbia—

(1) if engaged for periods in excess of thirty days in any type of training or active duty under sections 5, 81, 92, 94, 97, or 99 of the National Defense Act, as amended, suffer disability or death in line of duty from disease while so engaged; or

(2) if engaged for any period of time in any type of training or active duty under such sections of the National Defense Act, as amended, suffer disability or death in line of duty from injury while so employed,

shall be in all respects entitled to receive the same pensions, compensation, death gratuity, retirement pay, hospital benefits, and pay and allowances as are now or may hereafter be provided by law or regulation for officers and enlisted men of corresponding grades and length of service of the Regular Army.

39 Stat. 167, 203,  
206, 207.  
10 U. S. C. §§ 4,  
22-25, 32-36, 38; 32  
U. S. C. §§ 62-66,  
144-146, 171-176; Supp.  
II, § 62.

Effective date.

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall be effective from August 14, 1945, but no back pay, pension, compensation, death gratuity, or retirement pay shall be held to have accrued as the result of the enactment of this Act for any period prior to such date: *Provided*, That in the case of persons electing to receive the benefits of this Act, the amount of any monetary benefits received for any period subsequent to August 14, 1945, under any provisions of law providing benefits for disability or death incident to the service described in sections 1, 2, and 3 of this Act, shall be deducted from the monetary benefits provided for herein.

Monetary benefits.

Prior benefits.

SEC. 5. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to deprive any person of any benefits to which he was entitled prior to its enactment.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 6. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved June 20, 1949.

[CHAPTER 226]

## AN ACT

To provide for the reorganization of Government agencies, and for other purposes.

June 20, 1949  
[H. R. 2361]  
[Public Law 109]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## TITLE I

## SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Reorganization Act of 1949".

Reorganization Act  
of 1949.

## NEED FOR REORGANIZATIONS

SEC. 2. (a) The President shall examine and from time to time reexamine the organization of all agencies of the Government and shall determine what changes therein are necessary to accomplish the following purposes:

(1) to promote the better execution of the laws, the more effective management of the executive branch of the Government and of its agencies and functions, and the expeditious administration of the public business;

(2) to reduce expenditures and promote economy, to the fullest extent consistent with the efficient operation of the Government;

(3) to increase the efficiency of the operations of the Government to the fullest extent practicable;

(4) to group, coordinate, and consolidate agencies and functions of the Government, as nearly as may be, according to major purposes;

(5) to reduce the number of agencies by consolidating those having similar functions under a single head, and to abolish such agencies or functions thereof as may not be necessary for the efficient conduct of the Government; and

(6) to eliminate overlapping and duplication of effort.

(b) The Congress declares that the public interest demands the carrying out of the purposes specified in subsection (a) and that such purposes may be accomplished in great measure by proceeding under the provisions of this Act, and can be accomplished more speedily thereby than by the enactment of specific legislation.

## REORGANIZATION PLANS

SEC. 3. Whenever the President, after investigation, finds that—

(1) the transfer of the whole or any part of any agency, or of the whole or any part of the functions thereof, to the jurisdiction and control of any other agency; or

(2) the abolition of all or any part of the functions of any agency; or

(3) the consolidation or coordination of the whole or any part of any agency, or of the whole or any part of the functions thereof, with the whole or any part of any other agency or the functions thereof; or

(4) the consolidation or coordination of any part of any agency or the functions thereof with any other part of the same agency or the functions thereof; or

(5) the authorization of any officer to delegate any of his functions; or

Findings by the  
President.