

34 U. S. C. § 522.  
*Proviso.*

Pennsylvania Avenue, E Street, Ninth Street, and Tenth Street, Southeast, to the Board of Management of the Temporary Home for Soldiers and Sailors, for the purpose of a temporary home for ex-soldiers and sailors, for a period of fifteen years, upon the same terms and conditions as those existing in the present lease, notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of August 29, 1916 (39 Stat. pp. 559-560): *Provided*, That when the said property shall cease to be used for said purposes said lease shall be automatically terminated and the said property shall revert to the full custody and control of the Navy Department.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to execute on behalf of the United States all instruments necessary to accomplish the aforesaid purposes.

Approved, April 8, 1942.

[CHAPTER 239]

AN ACT

April 10, 1942  
 [H. R. 6483]  
 [Public Law 522]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes", approved October 14, 1940, as amended.

Defense housing,  
 amendments.  
 55 Stat. 363.  
 42 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
 § 1541.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 301 of the Act entitled "An Act to expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes", approved October 14, 1940, as amended, is amended by striking out "sections 1 and 202" and inserting in lieu thereof "sections 1, 202, 401, and 402".

54 Stat. 1127; 55  
 Stat. 363; *ante*, p. 12.  
 42 U. S. C., Supp.  
 I, § 1544.

SEC. 2. Section 304 of such Act of October 14, 1940, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "As used in this section the term 'local municipalities' shall include the District of Columbia."

*Ante*, p. 12.

SEC. 3. (a) Section 306 of such Act of October 14, 1940, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "As used in this section the term 'State' shall include the District of Columbia."

54 Stat. 1128; 55  
 Stat. 363.  
 42 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
 § 1547.

(b) Section 307 of such Act of October 14, 1940, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "As used in this section the term 'State' shall include the District of Columbia."

*Ante*, p. 13.

SEC. 4. Such Act of October 14, 1940, as amended, is amended by adding after section 312 thereof the following new title:

"TITLE IV

D. C. housing.  
 Appropriation au-  
 thorized.  
 Post, p. 634.

"SEC. 401. (a) The sum of \$30,000,000, to remain available until expended, is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of enabling the National Housing Agency to provide housing in or near the District of Columbia (including living quarters for single persons and for families) for employees of the United States whose duties are determined by the National Housing Administrator to be essential to national defense and to require them to reside in or near the District of Columbia.

Powers of National  
 Housing Administra-  
 tor.

54 Stat. 1126.  
 42 U. S. C., Supp.  
 I, § 1521.  
*Ante*, pp. 11, 13.

"(b) In providing the housing for which an appropriation is authorized by subsection (a) of this section, the National Housing Administrator is authorized to exercise all of the powers specified in subsections (a) and (b) of section 1 of this Act, subject to the limitations, upon exercise of such powers specified in such subsections.

Administrative ex-  
 penses.

"(c) The funds authorized to be appropriated by this section shall be available to pay administrative expenses in connection with pro-

viding the housing for which such funds are authorized to be appropriated.

“(d) The housing provided with funds authorized to be appropriated by this section may be sold and disposed of as expeditiously as possible: *Provided*, That in disposing of said housing consideration shall be given to its full market value and said housing or any part thereof shall not, unless specifically authorized by Congress, be conveyed to any public or private agency organized for slum clearance or to provide subsidized housing for persons of low income.

“SEC. 402. (a) The sum of \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended, is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of enabling the Federal Works Administrator to provide public works and equipment therefor in and near the District of Columbia. Such public works may include, but shall not be limited to, schools, water-works, sewers, public sanitary facilities, works for the treatment and purification of water, hospitals and other places for the care of the sick, recreational facilities, streets, roads, facilities for the disposal of sewage, garbage, and refuse, and other types of necessary public works.

“(b) In providing the public works and equipment therefor for which appropriations are authorized by subsection (a) of this section, the Federal Works Administrator is authorized to exercise all of the powers specified in subsections (a), (b), and (c) of section 202 of this Act. Such public works and equipment therefor shall be provided subject to the provisions of section 203 of this Act.

“(c) The funds authorized to be appropriated by this section shall be available to pay administrative expenses in connection with providing the public works and equipment therefor for which such funds are authorized to be appropriated.

“SEC. 403. (a) The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to accept for the District of Columbia, and the Federal Works Administrator is authorized to make to the District of Columbia, advancements for the provision of public works and equipment therefor, such advancements to be deposited with the Secretary of the Treasury to the credit of the District of Columbia.

“(b) Sums advanced to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia hereunder shall be available for the provision, without reference to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, of any or all public works and equipment therefor described in section 402 hereof, and for administrative expenses in connection therewith, including employment of engineering and other professional services and other technical and administrative personnel without reference to the civil-service requirements or the Classification Act of 1923, as amended. The repayment of any sums so advanced and the payment of interest thereon shall be in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as are set forth in sections 3 and 4 of the Act of December 20, 1941 (Public Law Numbered 362, Seventy-seventh Congress).

“(c) The Commissioners shall submit with their annual estimates to the Congress a report of their activities and expenditures under this section.

“SEC. 404. As used in this Act the term ‘Federal Works Administrator’ or ‘Administrator’, or ‘Federal Works Agency’ shall, with respect to housing, be deemed to refer to the National Housing Administrator or the National Housing Agency, as the case may be. Such terms shall, with respect to public works and equipment therefor, be deemed to refer to the Federal Works Administrator or the Federal Works Agency, as the case may be.”

Approved, April 10, 1942.

Disposal of housing.

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Public works. Appropriation authorized.  
*Post*, p. 634.

Powers of Federal Works Administrator.

55 Stat. 362.  
42 U. S. C., Supp. I, §§ 1532, 1533.

Administrative expenses.

Advancements for public works.

Availability of sums.

41 U. S. C. § 5.  
*Supra*.

42 Stat. 1488.  
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674;  
Supp. I, ch. 13.  
*Post*, p. 733.

55 Stat. 848.

Report to Congress.

Terms construed.

## [CHAPTER 240]

## AN ACT

April 11, 1942

[H. R. 6554]

[Public Law 523]

To amend war-risk insurance provisions of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, in order to expedite ocean transportation and assist the war effort.

Merchant Marine Act, 1936, amendments. 49 Stat. 1985; 54 Stat. 689. 46 U. S. C. §§ 1128-1128g. *Ante*, p. 140. *Post*, p. 217.

Marine war-risk insurance and reinsurance and marine reinsurance. Provision of, by Maritime Commission.

*Proviso*. Monthly reports.

Marine and war-risk insurance fund.

Appropriation authorized. *Post*, p. 310.

Scope of insurance.

Classes of vessels.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Subtitle—Insurance of title II of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (Public, Numbered 677, Seventy-sixth Congress), is hereby amended, effective as of April 1, 1942, to read as follows:

## “SUBTITLE—INSURANCE

“SEC. 221. (a) Until six months after the termination of the present war is proclaimed or until such earlier date as the President may designate, the Commission is authorized to provide marine insurance and reinsurance against loss or damage by the risks of war and reinsurance against loss or damage by marine risks, as prescribed in this subtitle, whenever it appears to the Commission that (1) such insurance adequate for the needs of transportation in the water-borne commerce of the United States and its Territories and possessions (including the Philippine Islands, the Canal Zone, and any bases or lands leased or occupied by or on behalf of the United States), or of other transportation by water or other vessel services deemed by the Commission to be in the interest of the war effort or the domestic economy of the United States, cannot be obtained on reasonable terms and conditions from companies authorized to do an insurance business in a State of the United States, or (2) the furnishing by the Commission of such insurance or reinsurance with respect to any such transportation or other vessel services at nominal or other rate basis would be of material benefit to the war effort, or (after consultation with the Office of Price Administration or other agencies) to the domestic economy of the United States, or (after consultation with the Secretary of the Navy or the Secretary of War) is necessary or advisable for military or naval reasons: *Provided*, That there shall be reported on the last day of each calendar month to the chairman of the Committee on Commerce of the United States Senate, and the chairman of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the House, the insurance or reinsurance written under clause (2) of this subsection (a), during the preceding month, together with the rates and the reasons for such rates and such insurance and reinsurance.

“(b) There shall be in the Treasury of the United States a revolving fund to be known as the marine and war-risk insurance fund (hereinafter referred to as the fund), to be used for carrying out the provisions of this subtitle, and to be constituted of such sums as may be appropriated to such fund and of moneys and receipts credited thereto as herein provided. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to such fund such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle. All moneys received from premiums and from salvage or other recoveries, and all receipts in connection with this subtitle, shall be deposited to the credit of such fund. Payments of return premiums, losses, settlements, judgments, and all liabilities incurred by the United States under this subtitle shall be made from such fund.

“SEC. 222. The Commission may insure against loss or damage by the risks of war, persons, property, or interests, as follows:

“(a) (1) American vessels (including vessels under construction), (2) vessels registered under the law of the Philippine Islands, (3) foreign-flag vessels owned by citizens of the United States (as said