

the existence or continuance of total disability was due to circumstances beyond his control, the Administrator may grant waiver or continuance of waiver of premiums. Premium rates shall be calculated without charge for the cost of the waiver of premiums herein provided and no deduction from benefits otherwise payable shall be made on account thereof."

SEC. 6. Section 617 of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"In the event of a disagreement as to a claim arising under this Part, suit may be brought in the same manner and subject to the same conditions and limitations as are applicable to United States Government Life (converted) Insurance under the provisions of sections 19 and 500 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended: *Provided*, That in any such suit the decision of the Administrator as to waiver or nonwaiver of premiums under this Act as now or hereafter amended shall be conclusive and binding on the court."

SEC. 7. Section 601 of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, approved October 8, 1940, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:

"(f) The terms 'parent', 'father', and 'mother' include a father, mother, father through adoption, mother through adoption, and persons who have stood in loco parentis to a member of the military or naval forces at any time prior to entry into active service for a period of not less than one year."

SEC. 8. Section 602 (g) of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, approved October 8, 1940, is hereby amended by striking therefrom the following: "(including person in loco parentis if designated as beneficiary by the insured)".

SEC. 9. Section 602 (h) (3) (C) of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, approved October 8, 1940, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(C) if no widow, widower, or child, to the parent or parents of the insured who last bore that relationship, if living, in equal shares;"

SEC. 10. Effective the first day of the month next following the enactment of this Act, in no event shall monthly payments of yearly renewable term or automatic, or National Service Life Insurance serve to reduce amounts of compensation or pension otherwise payable under existing compensation or pension laws. Section 5, Act of July 19, 1939 (38 U. S. C. 472b), as amended by section 2, Act of August 21, 1941 (Public Law Numbered 242, Seventy-seventh Congress), is modified accordingly.

Approved, July 11, 1942.

[CHAPTER 505]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Disabled American Veterans of the World War", approved June 17, 1932, so as to change the name to "Disabled American Veterans", and to extend membership eligibility therein to American citizens, honorably discharged from the active military or naval forces of the the United States, or of some country allied with the United States, who have been either wounded, injured, or disabled by reason of such active service during time of war.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last sentence of section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Disabled American Veterans of the World War", approved June 17, 1932 (47 Stat. 320; title 36, U. S. C., 1940 edition, sec. 90a), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The name of this corporation shall be the 'Disabled American Veterans'."

54 Stat. 1014.
38 U. S. C. § 817.

Bringing of suit.

43 Stat. 612, 628.
38 U. S. C. §§ 445,
551.

Proviso.
Decision of Administrator.

54 Stat. 1008.
38 U. S. C. § 801.

"Parent," "father,"
"mother."

Beneficiaries.
54 Stat. 1010.
38 U. S. C. § 802 (g).

Payment of benefits.
54 Stat. 1010.
38 U. S. C. § 802
(h) (3) (C).

Reduction of compensation or pension,
restriction.

53 Stat. 1070.
55 Stat. 665.
38 U. S. C., Supp. I,
§ 472b.

July 15, 1942
[H. R. 7282]
[Public Law 668]

Disabled American
Veterans.
New corporate
name.

47 Stat. 320.
36 U. S. C. § 90c.

Purposes of corporation.

SEC. 2. That section 3 of such Act of June 17, 1932, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 3. That the purposes of this corporation shall be—

“To uphold and maintain the Constitution and the laws of the United States, to realize the true American ideals and aims for which those eligible to membership fought; to advance the interests and work for the betterment of all wounded, injured, and disabled American veterans; to cooperate with the United States Veterans’ Administration and all other public and private agencies devoted to the cause of improving and advancing the condition, health, and interests of all wounded, injured, and disabled veterans; to stimulate a feeling of mutual devotion, helpfulness, and comradeship among all wounded, injured, and disabled veterans; to serve our comrades, our communities, and our country; and to encourage in all people that spirit of understanding which will guard against future wars.”

47 Stat. 321.
36 U. S. C. § 90e.

Eligibility for membership.

SEC. 3. That section 5 of such Act of June 17, 1932, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 5. Any man or woman who was wounded, gassed, injured, or disabled in line of duty during time of war while in the service of either the military or naval forces of the United States of America, and who has been honorably discharged or separated from such service, or who may still be in active service in the armed forces of the United States, is eligible for membership in the Disabled American Veterans. Others who were disabled while serving with any of the armed forces of any nations associated with the United States as allies during any of its war periods, who are American citizens and who were honorably discharged, are also eligible. The Disabled American Veterans shall not have honorary members.”

No honorary members.

47 Stat. 321.
36 U. S. C. § 90f.

Nonpolitical and nonsectarian.

SEC. 4. That section 6 of such Act of June 17, 1932, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 6. That the organization shall be nonpolitical and nonsectarian, and as an organization shall not promote the candidacy of any person seeking public office.”

47 Stat. 321.
36 U. S. C. § 90h.

Exclusive right to name.

SEC. 5. That section 8 of such Act of June 17, 1932, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 8. That said corporation, and its State and local subdivisions, shall have the sole and exclusive right to have and to use in carrying out its purposes the name ‘Disabled American Veterans.’”

47 Stat. 321.
36 U. S. C. § 90i.

Reports to Congress.

SEC. 6. That section 9 of such Act of June 17, 1932, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 9. That the said corporation shall, on or before the 1st day of January in each year, make and transmit to the Congress a report of its proceedings for its preceding fiscal year, including a full and complete report of its receipts and expenditures.”

47 Stat. 321.
36 U. S. C. § 90j.

State agents.

SEC. 7. That section 10 of such Act of June 17, 1932, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 10. That as a condition precedent to the exercise of any power or privilege herein granted or conferred, the Disabled American Veterans shall file in the office of the secretary of each State, in which chapters thereof may be organized, the name and post-office address of an authorized agent in such State, upon whom legal process or demands against the Disabled American Veterans may be served.”

Approved, July 15, 1942.

[CHAPTER 506]

AN ACT

Authorizing the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin, jointly or separately, to acquire bridges now existing or to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Saint Croix River, also known as Lake Saint Croix, at or near Hudson, Wisconsin.

July 17, 1942
[H. R. 4314]
[Public Law 669]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin, jointly or separately, be, and are hereby, authorized to negotiate and enter into agreements or contracts for the purpose of acquiring by purchase, gift, or condemnation, bridges now existing on or crossing the Saint Croix River, which is also designated as Lake Saint Croix, at or near Hudson, Wisconsin, with the proviso that such bridge or bridges shall thereafter be maintained and operated by such State or States free of tolls, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act, or to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Saint Croix River, also known as Lake Saint Croix, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Hudson, Wisconsin, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Saint Croix River.
Bridges across, at
Hudson, Wis.

Maintenance as free
bridges.

34 Stat. 54.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-
498.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for purposes in such State.

Right to acquire
real estate, etc.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, July 17, 1942.

[CHAPTER 507]

AN ACT

To amend section 7 (a) of the Act of May 21, 1920 (41 Stat. 613), as amended by section 601 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 417), to authorize interdepartmental procurement by contract, upon orders placed by the War Department, Navy Department, Treasury Department, Civil Aeronautics Administration, and the Maritime Commission.

July 20, 1942
[S. 2032]
[Public Law 670]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 7 (a) of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, for the armament thereof, and for the procurement of heavy ordnance for trial and service, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, and for other purposes", approved May 21, 1920 (41 Stat. 613), as amended by section 601 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 417; 31 U. S. C. 686), entitled "An Act

Interdepartmental
procurement of supplies
and services.