

SEC. 2. Effective July 1, 1943, (a) the trust fund, Navy fines and forfeitures (48 Stat. 1235 (81) (7s984); 31 U. S. C. 725s (a) (81)), is abolished, and any unobligated balance remaining therein as of that date shall be covered into the surplus fund of the Treasury; (b) moneys theretofore required by law to be paid into such fund from annual appropriations, and all pay forfeited by law or by the terms of a court-martial sentence, shall remain to the credit of the appropriation concerned; and (c) commencing with the fiscal year 1944, annual appropriations for "Pay, subsistence, and transportation, Navy", or "Pay, Marine Corps", as may be appropriate, shall be available for payment of (a) necessary personal allowances of prisoners during confinement, and (b) transportation, gratuity, and civilian clothing of discharged naval prisoners: *Provided*, That savings deposits forfeited by desertion shall be deposited into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.

Navy fines and forfeitures.

Appropriations available.
Post, pp. 202, 207.

SEC. 3. (a) Sections 4808, 4809, and 1614 of the Revised Statutes; and (b) so much of the Act approved June 7, 1900 (24 U. S. C. 5), as requires that all forfeitures on account of desertion shall be passed to the credit of the naval hospital fund, are hereby repealed: *Provided*, That pensions of inmates of a naval home or naval hospital, heretofore required by law to be deducted from the account of the pensioner and applied for the benefit of the fund from which such home or hospital is maintained, shall be deposited into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts: *Provided further*, That this section shall be effective July 1, 1943: *And provided further*, That all moneys accruing to the trust funds naval hospital fund (7s815) or navy fines and forfeitures (7s984) prior to that date but not credited thereto prior to that date shall be covered into the surplus fund of the Treasury.

Forfeitures on account of desertion.
24 U. S. C. §§ 3-5.
31 Stat. 697.

Pensions of inmates.

Effective date.
Accruals.

Approved June 15, 1943.

[CHAPTER 126]

AN ACT

To provide for the training of nurses for the armed forces, governmental and civilian hospitals, health agencies, and war industries, through grants to institutions providing such training, and for other purposes.

June 15, 1943
[H. R. 2664]
[Public Law 74]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of assuring a supply of nurses for the armed forces, governmental and civilian hospitals, health agencies, and war industries, there are hereby authorized to be appropriated sums sufficient to carry out the purposes of this Act: *Provided*, That there shall be no discrimination in the administration of the benefits and appropriations made under the respective provisions of this Act, on account of race, creed, or color. Such sums shall be used for making payments to schools of nursing or other institutions which have submitted, and had approved by the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service (hereinafter referred to as the Surgeon General), plans for nurses' training, for making payments under section 4, and for all necessary expenses of the Public Health Service in administering the provisions of this Act.

Training of nurses.
Appropriation authorized.
Post, pp. 505, 616.

No racial, etc., discrimination.

Grants to institutions.

SEC. 2. A plan for training of nurses may be limited to student-nurse training, or to postgraduate or refresher-nursing courses, or may include both. A plan submitted by any institution may be approved only if it provides—

Training plan.

Conditions for approval.

(a) That no student or graduate nurse will be included under the plan unless in the judgment of the head of the institution such nurse will be available for military or other Federal governmental or essen-

Availability for war, etc., service.

- tial civilian services for the duration of the present war, and such nurse so states in her application for inclusion under the plan;
- (b) That nurses under the plan will be provided courses of study and training meeting standards prescribed by the Surgeon General;
- (c) That the institution will furnish student nurses under the plan (without charge for tuition, fees, or other expenses) courses of study and training, uniforms, insignia, and maintenance in accordance with regulations of the Surgeon General;
- (d) That the institution will pay student nurses under the plan a stipend at not less than the following monthly rates: \$15 for the first nine months of study; \$20 for the following fifteen to twenty-one months of combined study and practice, depending upon the curriculum of such institution;
- (e) That the institution will either afford student nurses under the plan an opportunity to complete their course of training until graduation at such institution and will pay such student nurse a stipend at a monthly rate not less than \$30 for the period following the period of combined study and practice and prior to graduation, or will transfer such student, after completion of the period of combined study and practice and prior to graduation, for training in some other institution, but only if such training may be credited toward graduation, and the institution to which the nurse is transferred agrees to pay her a stipend at a monthly rate of not less than \$30 until graduation; and
- (f) That where extramural credit toward graduation can be given under the law of the State in which the institution is located, such institution will make transfers to Federal hospitals, under the conditions specified in subsection (e), in any case where a student nurse desires such transfer and appropriate request for such transfer is made on behalf of such hospital.
- SEC. 3. From the sums appropriated therefor the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay each institution, with a plan approved under section 2—
- (1) with respect to items furnished student nurses thereunder, amounts determined by the Surgeon General to compensate such institution for—
- (A) reasonable tuition and fees for the courses of study and training;
- (B) reasonable maintenance provided pursuant to section 2 for the first nine months of their course of study and training, to the extent that such maintenance is not compensated for by the value of their services during such period;
- (C) uniforms and insignia, provided in accordance with section 2; and
- (D) the minimum rate of stipend specified in section 2 for periods prior to completion of the course of combined study and training referred to in such section; and
- (2) with respect to items furnished graduate nurses thereunder, amounts determined by the Surgeon General to compensate such institution for reasonable tuition and fees for postgraduate and refresher course of study, and reasonable maintenance for graduate nurses undertaking postgraduate courses, or such portion of such amounts as may be determined in accordance with regulations of the Surgeon General.
- SEC. 4. The Surgeon General is authorized, with the approval of the Federal Security Administrator, to enter into agreements with

Standards of instruction.

Furnishing of items without charge.

Pay of student nurses.

Completion of training.

Transfers to Federal hospitals.

Determination of grants.

For items furnished student nurses.

For items furnished graduate nurses.

Recruitment agreements.

nonprofit organizations for the recruitment of student and graduate nurses for training and courses under plans approved pursuant to this Act, and to compensate such organizations therefor, but in no case shall such compensation exceed the necessary cost, as determined by him, of rendering such service.

SEC. 5. Determinations under section 3 or 4 of amounts which any institution or organization shall receive shall be conclusive upon such institution or organization and upon any officer or agency of the Government.

Determinations to be conclusive.

SEC. 6. The method of computing and paying the amounts referred to in sections 3 and 4 shall be as follows:

Computation and payment.

(a) The Surgeon General shall from time to time, on a prepayment or reimbursement basis, estimate or make determination of the amount for each institution or organization, which amount shall be reduced or increased, as the case may be, by any sum by which he finds that unadjusted payments with respect to any prior period were greater or less than the amount which should have been paid to such institution or organization pursuant to section 3 or 4 for such prior period, and shall certify the amount so estimated or determined and so reduced or increased to the Secretary of the Treasury.

(b) The Secretary of the Treasury shall thereupon through the Division of Disbursement of the Treasury Department and prior to audit or settlement by the General Accounting Office pay the institution or organization at the time or times fixed by the Surgeon General the amount so certified.

SEC. 7. In lieu of payment therefor under section 3 the Surgeon General is authorized to procure and provide insignia for student nurses under a plan approved under section 2.

Insignia for student nurses.

SEC. 8. There shall be no discrimination against any institution on account of the size thereof or the number of nurses employed or student nurses training therein.

Size of institution.

SEC. 9. The Surgeon General with the approval of the Federal Security Administrator is hereby authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. Such rules and regulations shall be promulgated after conference with an advisory committee of not less than five members consisting of representatives of the nursing profession, hospitals, and accredited nurses training institutions. The members of the committee shall be appointed by the Federal Security Administrator. The members of the committee shall not receive any compensation for their services on the committee, but shall be reimbursed for all necessary travel and subsistence expenses (or receive a per diem in lieu thereof not to exceed \$10 to be fixed by the Federal Security Administrator) while away from their respective places of residence on the business of the committee.

Rules and regulations.

Advisory committee.

SEC. 10. This Act shall cease to be in effect upon the date of the termination of hostilities in the present war as determined by the President or upon such earlier date as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President may designate, except for purposes of (a) making computations, payments, and adjustments in payments with respect to recruitment, training, and courses prior to such date, and (b) making computations, payments, and adjustments in payments so as to permit continuance, after such date, of training and courses by graduate or student nurses who were receiving training or courses ninety days prior to such date.

Termination of Act.

Approved June 15, 1943.

[CHAPTER 127]

AN ACT

To authorize the acquisition, improvement, and maintenance of the Gulf County Canal, Florida.

June 17, 1943
[H. R. 1403]
[Public Law 75]

Gulf County Canal,
Fla.

56 Stat. 703.

Adoption as Federal
Project.

Dredging.

Appropriation au-
thorized.

Availability of other
funds.
56 Stat. 1005.

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 promote the national defense and to promptly facilitate and protect the transport of materials and supplies needful to the Military Establishment by authorizing the construction and operation of a pipe line and a navigable barge channel across Florida, and by deepening and enlarging the Intracoastal Waterway from its present eastern terminus to the vicinity of the Mexican border", approved July 23, 1942, is amended by striking out section 2 thereof and adding at the end thereof the following:

"SEC. 2. The Gulf County Canal and its right-of-way which connects the channel extending from the Apalachicola River to Saint Andrews Bay, Florida, with Saint Josephs Bay, Florida, is hereby adopted as a Federal project and authorized to be prosecuted as speedily as may be consistent with budgetary requirements, under the direction of the Secretary of War and supervision of the Chief of Engineers, in accordance with the plans and subject to the conditions recommended in the report submitted in House Document Numbered 257, Seventy-sixth Congress: *Provided, That,* with the consent of the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, and pending fulfillment of the condition specified in said document that the existing canal and its right-of-way be conveyed to the United States free of cost, the said canal may be dredged to provide at an estimated cost of \$112,000, the dimensions of nine feet deep and one hundred feet wide, as recommended in said document.

"SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$93,112,000 to carry out the provisions of this Act."

SEC. 2. The balance of any sums appropriated prior to the enactment of this Act for purposes of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of such Act approved July 23, 1942, which are not needed for such purposes, shall be available for expenditure for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 2 of such Act, as amended by this Act.

Approved June 17, 1943.

[CHAPTER 128]

AN ACT

Authorizing the acquisition and conversion or construction of certain auxiliary vessels for the United States Navy, and for other purposes.

June 17, 1943
[H. R. 1563]
[Public Law 76]

Navy.
Acquisition of aux-
iliary vessels.
Post, p. 604.

Naval vessels au-
thorized for other
agencies.
Approval and trans-
fer.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to acquire and convert or to undertake the construction of one million tons of auxiliary vessels of such size, type, and design as he may consider best suited for the purposes of the prosecution of the war, such vessels to be in addition to those heretofore authorized.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law any vessel intended for operation by the United States Navy, the construction or acquisition and conversion of which was heretofore or is hereafter authorized for the Maritime Commission, the War Shipping Administration, or any other agency of the Government, shall be subject to the approval of the Navy Department in all