

[CHAPTER 230]

AN ACT

To authorize the deportation of aliens to countries allied with the United States.

July 13, 1943
[H. R. 2076]
[Public Law 141]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 20 of the Act of February 5, 1917, as amended (39 Stat. 890; U. S. C., title 8, sec. 156), be, and it hereby is, amended by adding the following after the first sentence:

Immigration Act of 1917, amendment.

"If the United States is at war and the deportation, in accordance with the preceding provisions of this section, of any alien who is deportable under any law of the United States, shall be found by the Attorney General to be impracticable or inconvenient because of enemy occupation of the country whence such alien came or wherein is located the foreign port at which he embarked for the United States or because of other reasons connected with the war, such alien may, at the option of the Attorney General, be deported (a) if such alien is a citizen or subject of a country whose recognized government is in exile, to the country wherein is located that government in exile, if that country will permit him to enter its territory; or (b) if such alien is a citizen or subject of a country whose recognized government is not in exile, then, to a country or any political or territorial subdivision thereof which is proximate to the country of which the alien is a citizen or subject, or, with the consent of the country of which the alien is a citizen or subject, to any other country."

Destination of aliens, subject to deportation.

Approved July 13, 1943.

[CHAPTER 231]

AN ACT

To increase by one year the period within which certain oyster growers may file claims against the United States in the Court of Claims.

July 13, 1943
[H. R. 2614]
[Public Law 142]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 13 of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes", approved August 30, 1935, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Oyster growers.

49 Stat. 1049.
28 U. S. C. § 250a.

"SEC. 13. That the Court of Claims shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine claims for damages to oyster growers upon private or leased lands or bottoms arising from dredging operations and use of other machinery and equipment in making such improvements: *Provided,* That suits shall be instituted within two years after such operations shall have terminated."

Claims arising from dredging operations.

Approved July 13, 1943.

[CHAPTER 232]

AN ACT

To authorize the attendance of the Marine Band at the seventy-seventh anniversary convention of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 19 to 23, inclusive, 1943.

July 13, 1943
[H. R. 2683]
[Public Law 143]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to permit the band of the United States Marine Corps to attend and give concerts at the seventy-seventh anniversary convention of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from September 19 to 23, inclusive, 1943.

Marine Band.
Attendance at G. A. R. convention.

Appropriation au-
thorized.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of such band in attending and giving concerts at such convention, there is authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$8,137.40, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That in addition to transportation and Pullman accommodations the leaders and members of the Marine Band be allowed not to exceed \$5 per day each for additional living expenses while on duty, and that the payment of such expenses shall be in addition to the pay and allowances to which they would be entitled while serving at their permanent station.

Approved July 13, 1943.

[CHAPTER 233]

AN ACT

To provide more adequate and uniform administrative provisions in veterans' laws pertaining to compensation, pension, and retirement pay payable by the Veterans' Administration, and for other purposes.

July 13, 1943

[H. R. 2703]

[Public Law 144]

Veterans' compen-
sation, pension, and
retirement pay.

48 Stat. 8.

38 U. S. C. § 701 *et*
seq.; Supp. II, § 701
et seq.

Ante, pp. 21, 43;
post, p. 555 *et seq.*

Infra,
48 Stat. 524, 1281;
49 Stat. 614.

38 U. S. C. notes
prec. §§ 700, 701; §§
503-507a, 368, 369.

Post, p. 556.

Post, p. 555.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the administrative, definitive, and regulatory provisions of Public Law Numbered 2, Seventy-third Congress, March 20, 1933, and Veterans Regulations, as now or hereafter amended, shall be applicable to benefits provided under Public Law Numbered 141, Seventy-third Congress, March 28, 1934, as amended; Public Law Numbered 484, Seventy-third Congress, June 28, 1934, as amended; and under laws reenacted by Public Law Numbered 269, Seventy-fourth Congress, August 13, 1935, as amended: *Provided*, That where solely as a result of the definition of the term "child" in paragraph VI of Veterans Regulation Numbered 10—Series as amended by this Act, the child or children of a deceased veteran of the Spanish-American War, Boxer Rebellion, or Philippine Insurrection would be entitled to benefits under the general pension law or service pension Acts reenacted by Public Law Numbered 269, Seventy-fourth Congress, August 13, 1935, the rates of service pension applicable to such child or children shall be those provided in Public Law Numbered 484, Seventy-third Congress, as now or hereafter amended.

43 Stat. 613.

SEC. 2. Section 21 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended (U. S. C., title 38, sec. 450), is further amended by adding a new subsection (4) to read as follows:

Benefits subject to
designated provisions.

49 Stat. 607.

Incompetent veter-
an having no guard-
ian.

"(4) Any benefit payable or paid by the Veterans' Administration shall be subject to the applicable provisions of Public Law Numbered 262, Seventy-fourth Congress (U. S. C., title 38, secs. 556a, 454a), as now or hereafter amended: *Provided*, That in any case of an incompetent veteran having no guardian, payment of compensation, pension, or retirement pay may be made in the discretion of the Administrator to the wife of such veteran for the use of the veteran and his dependents: *And provided further*, That payment of death benefits to a widow for herself and child or children, if any, may be made directly to such widow, notwithstanding she may be a minor. The Act of August 8, 1882 (22 Stat. 373; U. S. C., title 38, sec. 44), is hereby repealed and any other law in conflict herewith is modified accordingly."

Direct payment to
widow.

Repeal.

38 U. S. C. §§ 44-47,
49, 75, 192.

38 U. S. C. note foll.
§ 724.

Renouncement of
rights.

SEC. 3. Paragraph XXI of Veterans Regulation Numbered 10—Series, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"XXI. Any person entitled to pension or compensation under any law or Veterans Regulation administered by the Veterans' Administration may renounce his right thereto. The application renouncing the right shall be in writing over the person's signature and upon