

[CHAPTER 62]

AN ACT

Suspending certain provisions of sections 12B and 19 of the Federal Reserve Act until six months after the cessation of hostilities in the present war as determined by proclamation of the President or concurrent resolution of the Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second sentence of paragraph (1) of subsection (h) of section 12B of the Federal Reserve Act (U. S. C., title 12, sec. 264 (h) (1)), as amended, is hereby further amended by substituting a colon for the period at the end thereof and adding the following: "*And provided further,* That until six months after the cessation of hostilities in the present war as determined by proclamation of the President or concurrent resolution of the Congress any balance payable to the United States by any insured bank, whether represented by a deposit account or otherwise, arising solely as a result of subscriptions made by or through such insured bank for United States Government securities issued under authority of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, shall be excluded from the definition of 'deposit' for the purpose of determining the assessment base."

SEC. 2. The last sentence of section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act (U. S. C., title 12, sec. 462a-1) be amended by substituting a colon for the period at the end thereof and by adding the following: "*Provided,* That until six months after the cessation of hostilities in the present war as determined by proclamation of the President or concurrent resolution of the Congress no deposit payable to the United States by any member bank arising solely as the result of subscriptions made by or through such member bank for United States Government securities issued under authority of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, shall be subject to the reserve requirements of this section."

Approved April 13, 1943.

[CHAPTER 63]

AN ACT

To provide for the appointment of female physicians and surgeons in the Medical Corps of the Army and Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter during the present war and six months thereafter there shall be included in the Medical Departments of the Army and Navy such licensed female physicians and surgeons as the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy may consider necessary, whose qualifications, duties, and assignments shall be in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary and who shall be appointed and at his discretion removed by the Surgeon General of the Army or Navy, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy. Those appointed shall be commissioned in the Army of the United States or the Naval Reserve, and shall receive the same pay and allowances and be entitled to the same rights, privileges, and benefits as members of the Officers' Reserve Corps of the Army and the Naval Reserve of the Navy with the same grade and length of service.

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[S. 700]

[Public Law 37]

Federal Reserve
Act, amendments.

49 Stat. 688.

Suspension of assess-
ments on certain
deposits.

40 Stat. 288.
31 U. S. C., § 774
(2); Supp. II, §§ 754a,
754b, 757c.
Ante, p. 63.

49 Stat. 715.

Reserve require-
ments.

April 16, 1943
[H. R. 1857]

[Public Law 38]

Army and Navy.
Female physicians
and surgeons.
Post, p. 587.

Commissions.

[CHAPTER 67]

AN ACT

April 22, 1943
[S. 899]
[Public Law 39]

To amend the Act approved January 2, 1942, entitled "An Act to provide for the prompt settlement of claims for damages occasioned by Army, Navy, and Marine Corps forces in foreign countries."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of January 2, 1942 (55 Stat. 880; 31 U. S. C. 224d) be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

31 U. S. C., Supp.
II, § 224d.

Damages by American forces abroad.
Settlement of certain claims.

Appointment of Commissions.

"That, for the purpose of promoting and maintaining friendly relations by the prompt settlement of meritorious claims, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, and such other officer or officers as the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy, as the case may be, may designate for such purposes and under such regulations as he may prescribe, are hereby authorized to appoint a Claims Commission or Commissions, each composed of one or more officers of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, as the case may be, to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, and make payments, where accepted by the claimant in full satisfaction and in final settlement, of claims, including claims of insured but excluding claims of subrogees, on account of damage to or loss or destruction of public property both real and personal, or on account of damage to or loss or destruction of private property both real and personal or personal injury or death of inhabitants of a foreign country, including places located therein which are under the temporary or permanent jurisdiction of the United States, arising in such foreign country, including claims for damage to or loss or destruction of personal property bailed to the Government and claims for damages incident to the use and occupancy of real property, whether under a lease, express or implied, or otherwise, when such damage, loss, destruction, or injury is caused by Army, Navy, or Marine Corps forces, or individual members thereof, including military personnel and civilian employees thereof, or otherwise incident to noncombat activities of such forces, where the amount of such claim does not exceed \$5,000: *Provided*, That no claim shall be considered by such Commissions unless presented within one year after the occurrence of the accident or incident out of which such claim arises except that claims arising out of accidents or incidents occurring after December 6, 1941, but prior to May 1, 1943, may be presented at any time prior to May 1, 1944: *Provided further*, That any such settlements made by such Commissions shall be subject to such regulations as the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe and may, in cases where the amount exceeds \$2,500 but does not exceed \$5,000, be subject to the approval of such commanding or other officer of Army, Navy, or Marine Corps forces, as the case may be, as the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe; and the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, respectively, shall have authority, if he deems any claim in excess of \$5,000 to be meritorious, to certify such amount as may be found to be just and reasonable thereon to Congress as a legal claim for payment out of appropriations that may be made by Congress therefor, together with a brief statement of the character of such claim, the amount claimed, and the amount allowed: *Provided further*, That no claim of any national of any country at war with the United States, or of any ally of such enemy country, except as the Commission or the local military commander shall determine that the claimant is friendly to the United States, and no claim resulting from action by the enemy or resulting directly or indirectly from any act by our armed forces engaged in combat,

Time limitation.

Regulations.

Specified settlements subject to approval.

Claims in excess of \$5,000.

Claims not allowed.