

[CHAPTER 17]

AN ACT

February 14, 1944
[S. 1447]
[Public Law 230]

To remit claims of the United States on account of overpayments to part-time charwomen in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and for other purposes.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing.
Overpayments to part-time charwomen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That remission is hereby made of any and all claims of the United States in consequence of payments of wages at the rate of 78 cents an hour, rather than at some lower rate or rates, for work performed during the period from August 1, 1942, to June 30, 1943, both dates inclusive, by part-time charwomen employed in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing of the Treasury Department. Remission is hereby made of any and all claims of the United States in consequence of payments of wages for hours of work in any one week in excess of forty at the overtime rate of one and one-half times the rate at which payments were made for the first forty hours of work in that week, rather than at some lower rate or rates, for work performed on or after December 22, 1942, by any of said part-time charwomen pursuant to temporary details (pending promotions) to assignments requiring forty-eight hours work in one week. Said remissions are hereby made, notwithstanding any determination that the rate or rates at which said payments of wages were made is or are in excess of the rate or rates of pay established by law for said employment: *Provided*, That if said payments of wages at said rate of 78 cents an hour and at said overtime rate are otherwise correct, the Comptroller General is hereby authorized and directed to allow credit therefor in the accounts of the officers accountable therefor, to make no charge against any certifying officer because of certification of said payments of wages, and to remove every charge, if any, heretofore made against any certifying officer because of certification of said payments of wages.

Credit in accounts, etc.

Refunds.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to make refunds of any and all amounts heretofore withheld or deducted from wages paid to any of said part-time charwomen for work performed after June 30, 1943, in satisfaction or partial satisfaction of any and all claims or asserted claims of the United States in consequence of said payments of wages at said rate of 78 cents and at said overtime rate. The annual appropriation for salaries and expenses, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, 1944, is hereby made available to the extent of \$700 for the purpose of making said refunds as herein provided.

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[CHAPTER 18]

AN ACT

February 21, 1944
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[Public Law 231]

To amend sections 6, 7, and 8 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the leasing of coal lands in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes", approved October 20, 1914 (38 Stat. 741, 743; 48 U. S. C., secs. 440, 441, 442).

Alaska coal lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 6, 7, and 8 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the leasing of coal lands in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes", approved October 20, 1914 (38 Stat. 741, 743; 48 U. S. C., secs. 440, 441, 442), are hereby amended to read as follows:

Leases.

"SEC. 6. That each lease shall be for such leasing block or tract of land as may be offered or applied for, not exceeding in area two thousand five hundred and sixty acres of land, to be described by the

subdivisions of the survey, and no person, association, or corporation, except as hereinafter provided, shall take or hold at any one time leases for more than two thousand five hundred and sixty acres in the aggregate, or take or hold any interest as a member of an association or stockholder of a corporation holding a lease under this Act if the acreage represented by such indirect interest, or by such indirect interest together with the acreage represented by the direct holding of any lease issued under this Act, exceeds two thousand five hundred and sixty acres in the aggregate. Any interest held in violation of this Act shall be forfeited to the United States by appropriate proceedings instituted by the Attorney General for that purpose in any court of competent jurisdiction, except that any ownership or interest forbidden in this Act which may be acquired by descent, will, judgment, or decree may be held for two years, and not longer, after its acquisition.

“SEC. 7. That, except as herein provided, any person who shall purchase, acquire, or hold any interest in leases issued under this Act, either directly or as a stockholder in a corporation or member of an association holding leases or interests in leases of which he has knowledge, which interest so purchased, acquired, or held shall exceed in the aggregate two thousand five hundred and sixty acres, or who shall knowingly purchase, acquire, or hold any stock in a corporation or shares in an association which holds any interest in leases issued under this Act exceeding two thousand five hundred and sixty acres in the aggregate, or who shall knowingly sell or transfer to one disqualified to purchase, or, disqualified to acquire any such interest, shall be guilty of a felony and shall be subject to imprisonment for not more than three years or a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or both: *Provided*, That any such ownership and interest hereby forbidden which may be acquired by descent, will, judgment, or decree may be held two years after its acquisition and not longer, and in case of minority or other disability such time as the court may decree.

“SEC. 8. That any director, trustee, officer, or agent of any corporation or association holding an interest in such leases who shall, on behalf of such corporation or association, act in the purchase of any interest in any other lease, which, together with the other holdings of the corporation or association under this Act, exceeds two thousand five hundred and sixty acres in the aggregate, or who shall knowingly act on behalf of such corporation or association in the sale or transfer of any such interest in any lease held by such corporation or association to any corporation, association, or individual holding any interest or interests in any other such leases which together with the interest sold or transferred exceeds in the aggregate two thousand five hundred and sixty acres, shall be guilty of a felony and shall be subject to imprisonment for not more than three years or a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or both.”

Approved February 21, 1944.

[CHAPTER 28]

AN ACT

To authorize the acceptance of donations of land for the construction of a scenic parkway to provide an appropriate view of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park from the Tennessee side of the park, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to accept, on behalf of the United States, donations of land and interests in land in the State of Tennessee for the construction of a scenic parkway to be located generally

Limitation.

Forfeiture of interest held in violation of Act.

Acquisition by descent, etc.

Interest in leases exceeding lawful area.

Penalty.

Acquisition by descent, etc.

Liability of agent of corporation, etc.

Penalty.

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Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
Scenic parkway.