

## [CHAPTER 288]

## AN ACT

June 27, 1944  
[S. 1669]  
[Public Law 360]

To clarify the law relative to allowances for mileage of graduates of the United States Military Academy and transportation of their dependents on assignment to their first duty station and to the mileage allowance of persons entering the United States Military Academy as cadets.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That officers graduated from the United States Military Academy when traveling under competent orders to the first station to which they are permanently assigned for duty shall receive the mileage allowance authorized by law for officers of the Army traveling under competent orders without troops, for the distance actually traveled under such orders, not to exceed the distance by the shortest usually traveled route from their homes or from West Point, New York, as may be designated in their orders, to such first duty stations. The orders mentioned in the first sentence of this section shall be deemed to involve a "permanent change of station" as those words are used in the fifth paragraph of section 12, Pay Readjustment Act of 1942 (Act of June 16, 1942; 56 Stat. 365), and the rights of the officers concerned shall be governed by the provisions of that paragraph with respect to the transportation of their dependents and household effects. That portion of the Act of August 9, 1912 (37 Stat. 252; 10 U. S. C. 744), which reads as follows: "*Provided further*, That hereafter a graduate of the Military Academy shall receive mileage as authorized by law for officers of the Army from his home to the station which he first joins for duty", is hereby repealed. The provisions of this section shall be effective as of January 19, 1943: *Provided*, That no person shall suffer, by reason of the enactment of this Act, any reduction in any allowance or compensation which he has been paid or to which he was entitled immediately prior thereto.

**SEC. 2.** A person entering the United States Military Academy as a cadet shall receive a mileage allowance at the rate of 5 cents per mile for all travel which he actually performs, and which he certifies he has actually performed, while proceeding to the United States Military Academy for admission as a cadet, not in excess of the distance by the shortest usually traveled route between the place which he certifies was his actual permanent place of abode or home, school, or Army station at the time such travel was commenced and the United States Military Academy: *Provided*, That a person discharged from the armed forces to enter the United States Military Academy shall receive a mileage allowance at the rate of 5 cents per mile for travel performed not in excess of the distance by the shortest usually traveled route between the place of discharge as certified by him and the United States Military Academy: *Provided further*, That no travel allowance shall be payable under this section for travel performed outside the continental limits of the United States. All payments to such persons for travel to the United States Military Academy made on or after June 1, 1940, to the extent that they involve questions as to the place from which payment of mileage was authorized, are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

Approved June 27, 1944.

U. S. Military Academy.  
Mileage allowances of graduates.

Permanent change of station.

37 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 112.

Repeal.

Effective date.  
No reduction in prior allowance.

Persons entering Academy.

Travel outside U. S.

Prior payments.

## [CHAPTER 290]

## AN ACT

To authorize the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska to grant and convey certain lands to the city of Sitka, Alaska, for street purposes.

June 28, 1944  
[H. R. 340]  
[Public Law 361]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska is hereby authorized to grant and convey to the city of Sitka, Alaska, for street purposes, such portions of the lands conveyed to the Territory of Alaska by the Act of March 27, 1934 (48 Stat. 502), and not conveyed to the Sitka Cold Storage Company by the Act of August 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 652), as the city of Sitka shall designate are necessary or desirable for street purposes. Any conveyance made under this Act shall be without regard to the reversionary provisions in section 2 of the Act of March 27, 1934 (48 Stat. 502).

Sitka, Alaska.  
Conveyance of certain lands.

All oil, coal, or other minerals in the land designated and conveyed to the city of Sitka under this Act, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same, shall be reserved to the United States under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

Reservation of mineral rights.

SEC. 2. The city of Sitka shall never sell or otherwise dispose of any part of the property conveyed to it pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of this Act; and if the same shall ever be abandoned for the uses herein declared the said premises shall revert to the United States.

Reversionary provisions.

Approved June 28, 1944.

## [CHAPTER 291]

## AN ACT

Authorizing the appointment of the Chief of Chaplains to the temporary rank of major general, and for other purposes.

June 28, 1944  
[H. R. 3604]  
[Public Law 362]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the present war and for six months thereafter, the President shall be authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the Chief of Chaplains to the temporary rank of major general, and chaplains as temporary general officers not above the grade of major general in such numbers as may be recommended by the Secretary of War. All officers so appointed shall be commissioned in the Army of the United States and shall receive the pay and allowances of the grade to which temporarily appointed: *Provided,* That any appointment made under the provisions of this Act may be vacated at any time by the President, and, if not sooner vacated, shall continue during the present war and six months thereafter.

Chief of Chaplains, Army.  
Temporary rank, pay, and allowances.

Chaplains.

Vacating of appointments.

Approved June 28, 1944.

## [CHAPTER 292]

## AN ACT

To amend section 214 of the Act of February 28, 1925.

June 28, 1944  
[H. R. 3870]  
[Public Law 363]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, effective July 1, 1943, section 214 of the Act of February 28, 1925 (43 Stat. 1069; 39 U. S. C. 826), is amended to read as follows:

Postal Service.

"The Postmaster General is hereby authorized to continue the work of ascertaining the revenues derived from and the cost of

Ascertainment of certain revenues and costs.