

Application by beneficiary for waiver of premiums.

section the following as a third proviso: "*And provided further*, That in the event of death of the insured without filing application for waiver, the beneficiary, within one year after the death of the insured or the enactment of this amendment, whichever be the later, or, if the beneficiary be insane or a minor, within one year after removal of such legal disability, may file application for waiver with evidence of the insured's right to waiver under the conditions of this section."

Approved September 30, 1944.

[CHAPTER 455]

AN ACT

September 30, 1944
[S. 2058]

[Public Law 453]

To liberalize certain provisions of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended.

Army aviation cadets and aviation students, insurance.
55 Stat. 239, 241.
10 U. S. C., Supp. III, §§ 308a, 298a-1.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person granted national service life insurance under Public Law 97 and Public Law 99, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved June 3, 1941, shall be deemed to have continued such insurance in force by payment of premiums whether or not such premiums were or were not paid so long as he remains in active military service as a commissioned officer and not permanently relieved from duty involving participation in regular and frequent aerial flights: *Provided*, That any premiums due and unpaid at the death of such person whose insurance is deemed to have been in force under the provisions of this section shall constitute a lien against the proceeds of such insurance.

National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, amendment.
Ante, p. 762.

SEC. 2. Section 602 of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new subsection (s) to read as follows:

Inadequacy of Service Department procedure, etc.
Benefits not denied.

"(s) Payment of insurance benefits shall not be denied in any case in which the applicant for insurance died prior to July 1, 1942, and the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs finds that the failure to pay premiums or to effect deductions thereof as provided in section 602 (m) hereof, could in any way be attributed to the inadequacy of the Service Department's procedure for authorizing deductions of premiums from active service pay prior to that date, or to want of proper instructions as to the requirements of such procedure: *Provided*, That premiums due on such insurance shall be deducted from the proceeds of the insurance unless otherwise adjusted."

Liability.

SEC. 3. Any liability under this amendatory Act shall be chargeable to the National Service Life Insurance appropriation.

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[CHAPTER 456]

AN ACT

September 30, 1944
[S. 2137]

[Public Law 454]

To provide for naming the lake formed by waters of the Red River impounded by Denison Dam.

Lake Texoma.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the enactment of this Act the lake formed by the impounding of waters of the Red River by Denison Dam, the construction of which was authorized by the Act of June 28, 1938 (52 Stat. 1219), shall be known and designated on the public records as Lake Texoma.

Approved September 30, 1944.

[CHAPTER 477]

AN ACT

For the relief of the city of Beardstown, Illinois.

September 30, 1944
[H. R. 4931]
[Public Law 455]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the city of Beardstown, Illinois, the sum of \$65,000 in full settlement of all claims against the United States for damages and cost of replacement of the municipally owned bridge across the Illinois River as a result of being struck by United States Navy vessel LST 610, on April 30, 1944: *Provided,* That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Beardstown, Ill.
Payment for bridge damages.

Approved September 30, 1944.

[CHAPTER 478]

AN ACT

To exempt certain officers and employees of the National War Labor Board from certain provisions of the Criminal Code.

October 2, 1944
[H. R. 4349]
[Public Law 456]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That nothing contained in sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code (U. S. C., title 18, secs. 198 and 203) shall be deemed to apply to any person heretofore or hereafter appointed to the National War Labor Board or any of its agencies under the authority of the War Labor Disputes Act, any Executive order or regulation issued under the provisions of the Act of October 2, 1942 (56 Stat. 765), or Executive Order Numbered 9017, dated January 12, 1942, as amended from time to time, because of intermittent service as a member of the National War Labor Board or of a regional board, industry commission, tripartite panel or similar agency of the National War Labor Board, or as a hearing officer or arbitrator of such Board, if such person is serving or has served in such capacity without compensation, or with compensation on a per diem when actually employed basis for not in excess of ninety days a year: *Provided, however,* That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to any representation before the National War Labor Board or any of its said agencies while such person is an officer or employee of the National War Labor Board or for a period of one year after the cessation of the service of such person: *And provided further,* That the immunity herein created shall not apply as to any matter on which such person shall have been employed.

National War Labor Board.
35 Stat. 1107, 1109.

57 Stat. 163.
50 U. S. C., Supp. III, app. §§ 1501-1511, 961-971.
Anle, p. 642; *post,* p. 784.
3 C F R., C u m . Supp., 1075, 1082.
3 C F R., 1943 Supp. 58.

Approved October 2, 1944.

[CHAPTER 479]

AN ACT

To aid the reconversion from a war to a peace economy through the distribution of Government surplus property and to establish a Surplus Property Board to effectuate the same, and for other purposes.

October 3, 1944
[H. R. 5125]
[Public Law 457]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Surplus Property Act of 1944".

Surplus Property Act of 1944.