

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall take effect on the first day of the first month which begins more than ten days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Approved August 11, 1945.

[CHAPTER 368]

AN ACT

To provide for administration of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 by a Surplus Property Administrator.

September 18, 1945
[H. R. 3907]
[Public Law 181]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established in the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion a Surplus Property Administration which shall be headed by a Surplus Property Administrator. The Administrator shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and shall receive compensation at the rate of \$12,000 per year. The term of office of the Administrator shall be two years.

Surplus Property Administration. Establishment, etc. *Ante*, p. 484.

SEC. 2. (a) Effective at the time the Surplus Property Administrator first appointed under this Act qualifies and takes office, the Surplus Property Board created by section 5 of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 is abolished, all of its functions are transferred to, and shall be exercised by, the Surplus Property Administrator, and all of its personnel (except the members thereof), records, and property (including office equipment) are transferred to, and shall become, respectively, the personnel, records, and property of the Surplus Property Administration.

Abolishment of Board.

58 Stat. 768.
50 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 1614.
Transfer of functions, etc.

(b) So much of the unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds available for the use of the Surplus Property Board in the exercise of any function transferred by this Act shall be transferred to the Surplus Property Administration for use in connection with the exercise of the functions so transferred.

Transfer of funds.

(c) All regulations, policies, determinations, authorizations, requirements, designations, and other actions of the Surplus Property Board, made, prescribed, or performed before the transfer of functions provided by subsection (a) of this section shall, except to the extent rescinded, modified, superseded, or made inapplicable by the Surplus Property Administrator, have the same effect as if such transfer had not been made; but functions vested in the Surplus Property Board by any such regulation, policy, determination, authorization, requirement, designation, or other action shall, insofar as they are to be exercised after the transfer, be considered as vested in the Surplus Property Administrator.

Regulations, prior actions, etc., of Board.

Functions.

Approved September 18, 1945.

[CHAPTER 369]

AN ACT

To amend the Veterans Regulations to provide additional rates of compensation or pension and remedy inequalities as to specific service-incurred disabilities in excess of total disability.

September 20, 1945
[H. R. 3644]
[Public Law 182]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subparagraphs (k) to (o) of paragraph II, part I, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, are hereby amended, and a new subparagraph (p) added to said paragraph II, to read as follows:

Veterans Regulations, amendments. 38 U. S. C., note foll. § 724; Supp. IV, note foll. § 735.

“(k) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss or loss of use of one foot, or one hand, or blindness of one eye, having only light perception, the rate of pension provided in part I, paragraph II, subparagraphs

Rates for war-service-incurred disabilities.

(a) to (j), shall be increased by \$35 per month; and in the event of anatomical loss or loss of use of one foot, or one hand, or blindness of one eye, having only light perception, in addition to the requirement for any of the rates specified in subparagraphs (l) to (n), inclusive, of part I, paragraph II, as herein amended, the rate of pension shall be increased by \$35 per month for each such loss or loss of use, but in no event to exceed \$300 per month.

“(l) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss, or loss of use of both hands, or both feet, or of one hand and one foot, or is blind in both eyes, with 5/200 visual acuity or less, or is permanently bedridden or so helpless as to be in need of regular aid and attendance, the monthly pension shall be \$200.

“(m) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss or loss of use of two extremities at a level, or with complications, preventing natural elbow or knee action with prosthesis in place, or has suffered blindness in both eyes, rendering him so helpless as to be in need of regular aid and attendance, the monthly pension shall be \$235.

“(n) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss of two extremities so near the shoulder or hip as to prevent the use of a prosthetic appliance or has suffered the anatomical loss of both eyes, the monthly pension shall be \$265.

“(o) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered disability under conditions which would entitle him to two or more of the rates provided in one or more of the subparagraphs (l) to (n), inclusive, of part I, paragraph II of this Regulation, no condition being considered twice in the determination, or has suffered total deafness in combination with total blindness with 5/200 visual acuity or less, the monthly pension shall be \$300.

“(p) In the event the disabled person's service-incurred disabilities exceed the requirements for any of the rates prescribed herein, the Administrator, in his discretion, may allow the next higher rate or an intermediate rate, but in no event in excess of \$300.”

SEC. 2. Subparagraphs (k) to (o) of paragraph II, part II, Veterans Regulations Numbered 1 (a), as amended, are hereby amended, and a new subparagraph (p) added to said paragraph II, to read as follows:

Rates for peacetime-
service-incurred dis-
abilities.

“(k) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss or loss of use of one foot, or one hand, or blindness of one eye, having only light perception, the rate of pension provided in part II, paragraph II, subparagraphs (a) to (j), shall be increased by \$26.25 per month; and in the event of anatomical loss or loss of use of one foot, or one hand, or blindness of one eye, having only light perception, in addition to the requirement for any of the rates specified in subparagraphs (l) to (n), inclusive, of part II, paragraph II, as herein amended, the rate of pension shall be increased by \$26.25 per month for each such loss or loss of use but in no event to exceed \$225 per month.

“(l) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss, or loss of use of both hands, or both feet, or of one hand and one foot, or is blind in both eyes, with 5/200 visual acuity or less, or is permanently bedridden or so helpless as to be in need of regular aid and attendance, the monthly pension shall be \$150.

“(m) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss or loss of use of two extremities at a level, or with complications, preventing natural elbow or knee action with prosthesis in place, or has suffered blindness in both eyes,

rendering him so helpless as to be in need of regular aid and attendance, the monthly pension shall be \$176.25.

“(n) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss of two extremities so near the shoulder or hip as to prevent the use of a prosthetic appliance or has suffered the anatomical loss of both eyes, the monthly pension shall be \$198.75.

“(o) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered disability under conditions which would entitle him to two or more of the rates provided in one or more of the subparagraphs (l) to (n), inclusive, of part II, paragraph II, of this Regulation, no condition being considered twice in the determination, or has suffered total deafness in combination with total blindness with 5/200 visual acuity or less, the monthly pension shall be \$225.

“(p) In the event the disabled person’s service-incurred disabilities exceed the requirements for any of the rates prescribed herein, the Administrator, in his discretion, may allow the next higher rate or an intermediate rate, but in no event in excess of \$225.”

SEC. 3. The increased rates provided by this Act shall be effective from the first day of the first month following the passage of this Act, and shall be deemed to include the 15 per centum increase in the rate of compensation or pension payable for service-incurred disability under section 1, Public Law 312, Seventy-eighth Congress, May 27, 1944, or Public Law 469, Seventy-eighth Congress, December 7, 1944.

Approved September 20, 1945.

Effective date of increased rates.

58 Stat. 229, 797.
38 U. S. C., Supp. IV, §§ 471a-1, 471a-2.

[CHAPTER 382]

AN ACT

To authorize the sale of certain public lands in Alaska to the Catholic bishop of Alaska, in trust for the Roman Catholic Church.

September 24, 1945
[H. R. 1992]
[Public Law 183]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Catholic bishop of Alaska, in trust for the Roman Catholic Church, is hereby authorized for a period of one year from and after the effective date of this Act to purchase, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to convey to the bishop, for use as a shrine and for religious and recreational purposes, the following-described public lands situated in the Tongass National Forest, in Alaska :

Alaska.
Sale of certain lands authorized.

Two tracts of land situated at approximately latitude fifty-eight degrees twenty-eight minutes north, longitude one hundred and thirty-four degrees forty-eight minutes west, the said tracts consisting of tract A, of which the area is forty-five and twenty-seven one-hundredths acres, and tract B, or Shrine Island, of which the area is one and fourteen one-hundredths acres, the specific boundaries of said tracts to be those defined by a survey executed by Charles H. Forward, forester, on May 19, 1945, the field notes and plat of said survey being of record in the office of the Forest Service at Juneau, Alaska.

Description.

SEC. 2. That the conveyance shall be made upon the payment by the said bishop for the land at its reasonable appraised price of not less than \$1.25 per acre, to be fixed jointly by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture: *Provided*, That the conveyance hereby authorized shall not include any land covered by a valid existing right initiated under the public-land laws or found by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to be needed for public purposes: *Provided further*, That the coal and other mineral deposits in the land shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Purchase price.

Lands excluded.

Reservation of mineral rights.

Approved September 24, 1945.