

of the property as fixed by the disposal agency, under regulations prescribed by the Administrator, unless transfer without reimbursement or transfer of funds is authorized under subsection (d) of this section.”

SEC. 4. Section 12 of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 is amended by adding a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 34 (a) of this Act, no Government agency may transfer any property to any other Government agency without reimbursement or transfer of funds under authority of any law approved prior to June 22, 1944. Any disposal agency may transfer surplus property to a Government agency without reimbursement or transfer of funds whenever a transfer on such terms by the owning agency (by which such property was declared surplus) would be authorized by any law approved subsequent to June 21, 1944, to be made to the Government agency desiring such property.”

SEC. 5. Section 13 (f) of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 is amended to read as follows:

“(f) The disposal of surplus property under this section to States and political subdivisions and instrumentalities thereof shall be given priority over all other disposals of property provided for in this Act, except transfers to Government agencies under section 12 and disposals to veterans under section 16 and purchases made under subsection (e) of section 18: *Provided*, That the Administrator may prescribe a reasonable time during which such priority shall be exercised.”

SEC. 6. The last sentence of subsection (e) of section 18 thereof is hereby amended to read as follows: “The disposal of surplus property under this subsection shall be given priority immediately following transfers to other Government agencies under section 12 and disposals to veterans under section 16. The provisions of subsection (c) of section 12 shall be applicable to purchases made under this subsection.”

Approved May 3, 1946.

[CHAPTER 249]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled “An Act to authorize black-outs in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes”, approved December 26, 1941, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled “An Act to authorize black-outs in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes”, approved December 26, 1941, as amended, be further amended by adding thereto the following new section:

“SEC. 15. Up to and including December 31, 1947, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to provide services to veterans and war workers and to expend any moneys otherwise available for expenditure under this Act for all necessary expenses, including personal services without regard to civil service or classification laws.”

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia not otherwise appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this amendment.

Approved May 9, 1946.

Infra.

Ante, p. 168.

Reimbursement for property transferred.
58 Stat. 783.
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 1643 (a).

58 Stat. 772.
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 1622 (f).
Disposals to States, etc.

Supra; *ante*, p. 168.

58 Stat. 774.
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 1627 (e).
Infra.

Smaller War Plants Corporation.

Supra; *ante*, p. 168.

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Black-outs, D. C.
55 Stat. 858.
D. C. Code, Supp. V, §§ 6-1001 to 6-1014.

Services to veterans and war workers.

Appropriation authorized.

[CHAPTER 251]

AN ACT

To provide Federal aid for the development of public airports.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Federal Airport Act".

PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

Definitions

SEC. 2. (a) As used in this Act—

- "Administrator." (1) "Administrator" means the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics.
- "Airport." (2) "Airport" means any area of land or water which is used, or intended for use, for the landing and take-off of aircraft, and any appurtenant areas which are used, or intended for use, for airport buildings or other airport facilities or rights-of-way, together with all airport buildings and facilities located thereon.
- "Airport development." (3) "Airport development" means (A) any work involved in constructing, improving, or repairing a public airport or portion thereof, including the construction, alteration, and repair of airport administrative buildings and the removal, lowering, relocation, and marking and lighting of airport hazards, and (B) any acquisition of land or of any interest therein, or of any easement through or other interest in air space, which is necessary to permit any such work or to remove or mitigate, or prevent or limit the establishment of, airport hazards; but such term does not include the construction, alteration, or repair of airport hangars.
- Airport hangars.
- "Airport hazard." (4) "Airport hazard" means any structure or object of natural growth located on or in the vicinity of a public airport, or any use of land near such airport, which obstructs the air space required for the flight of aircraft in landing or taking off at such airport or is otherwise hazardous to such landing or taking off of aircraft.
- "Project." (5) "Project" means a project for the accomplishment of airport development with respect to a particular airport.
- "Project costs." (6) "Project costs" means any costs involved in accomplishing a project under this Act, including those of making field surveys, preparation of plans and specifications, supervision and inspection of construction work, procurement of the accomplishment of such work by contract, and acquisition of land or interests therein or easements through or other interests in air space, and also including administrative and other incidental costs incurred specifically in connection with the accomplishment of a project, and which would not have been incurred otherwise.
- "Public agency." (7) "Public agency" means the United States Government or an agency thereof; a State, the Territory of Alaska, the Territory of Hawaii, or Puerto Rico, or an agency of any of them; a municipality or other political subdivision; or a tax-supported organization.
- "Public airport." (8) "Public airport" means any airport which is used or to be used for public purposes, under the control of a public agency, the landing area of which is publicly owned.
- "Sponsor." (9) "Sponsor" means any public agency which, either individually or jointly with one or more other public agencies, submits to the Administrator, in accordance with this Act, an application for a grant of funds for airport development.

May 13, 1946

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[Public Law 377]