

north of station one hundred thirty-five plus twenty-five which will be used for the new road as shown on the aforesaid road plan.

The easement herein authorized to be granted shall be limited to the period of time the aforesaid lands are required and actually used for highway purposes, and when no longer so required and used, all interests herein authorized to be conveyed in said lands shall cease and determine.

Approved June 22, 1946.

[CHAPTER 447]

AN ACT

To amend section 100 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 100 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended (38 U. S. C. 693), is amended by adding an additional paragraph thereto so that the section will read as follows:

"SEC. 100. The Veterans' Administration is hereby declared to be an essential war agency and entitled to priority equal to the highest granted any department or agency of the Government in personnel, service, space, equipment, supplies, and material under any laws, Executive orders, and regulations pertaining to priorities. The Administrator is authorized, for the purpose of extending benefits to veterans and dependents, and to the extent he deems necessary, to procure the necessary space for administrative, clinical, medical, and out-patient treatment purposes by lease, purchase, or construction of buildings, or by condemnation or declaration of taking, pursuant to existing statutes.

"Until June 30, 1947, the Administrator is authorized to enter into leases or renewals of leases of property for any of the purposes specified in this section for periods not exceeding five years. The provisions of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 412), as amended by section 15 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (47 Stat. 1517; 40 U. S. C. 278a), the provisions of section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1905 (33 Stat. 1257), and the Act of February 27, 1906 (34 Stat. 48; 31 U. S. C. 665); and the provisions of section 3732 of the Revised Statutes (41 U. S. C. 11) shall not apply to any lease entered into by the Administrator under the authority of this section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to diminish, or in any way limit any right, power, or authority granted to the Administrator under any other law."

Approved June 22, 1946.

[CHAPTER 448]

AN ACT

To remove the existing limitation on the number of associate members of the Board of Veterans' Appeals in the Veterans' Administration.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That part of paragraph I preceding subparagraph (a) of part II of Veterans Regulation Numbered 2 (a), as amended (38 U. S. C., ch. 12 note), is amended to read as follows:

"I. There is hereby created in the Veterans' Administration a Board of Veterans' Appeals under the administrative control and supervision of a chairman directly responsible to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. The Board shall be composed of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, such number of associate members as may be found necessary not

Time limitation.

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[Public Law 424]

58 Stat. 284.
38 U. S. C., Supp.
V, § 693.

Veterans' Administration declared an essential war agency.
Priorities.

Procurement of space.

Leases of property.

34 Stat. 255.

June 22, 1946
[H. R. 6153]
[Public Law 425]

38 U. S. C. note foll.
§ 724.

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Board of Veterans' Appeals.