

Mining of potash.      **SEC. 9.** The second sentence of section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to promote the mining of potash on the public domain", approved February 7, 1927, as amended (44 Stat. 1057, 30 U. S. C., sec. 283), is amended to read as follows: "Any lease issued under this Act shall be for a term of twenty years and so long thereafter as the lessee complies with the terms and conditions of the lease and upon the further condition that at the end of each twenty-year period succeeding the date of the lease such reasonable adjustment of the terms and conditions thereof may be made therein as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior unless otherwise provided by law at the expiration of such periods. Leases shall be conditioned upon a minimum annual production or the payment of a minimum royalty in lieu thereof, except when production is interrupted by strikes, the elements, or casualties not attributable to the lessee. The Secretary of the Interior may permit suspension of operations under any such leases when marketing conditions are such that the leases cannot be operated except at a loss. The Secretary upon application by the lessee prior to the expiration of any existing lease in good standing shall amend such lease to provide for the same tenure and to contain the same conditions, including adjustment at the end of each twenty-year period succeeding the date of said lease, as provided for in this Act."

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[CHAPTER 380]

AN ACT

June 3, 1948  
 [S. 1035]  
 [Public Law 577]

To provide for the acquisition of the hospital at Camp White, Medford, Oregon, and Schick General Hospital, Clinton, Iowa, for use as domiciliary facilities by the Veterans' Administration.

Veterans' Adminis-  
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 Camp White Hos-  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized and directed to acquire from the War Assets Administration the tract of land with improvements thereon formerly used for hospital purposes at Camp White, Medford, Oregon, and known as Camp White Hospital, and to operate and maintain thereon a facility for domiciliary care for veterans.

Schick General Hos-  
 pital.

**SEC. 2.** That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized and directed to acquire from the War Assets Administration the tract of land with improvements thereon formerly used for hospital purposes at Clinton, Iowa, and known as Schick General Hospital, and to operate and maintain thereon a facility for domiciliary care for veterans.

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[CHAPTER 381]

AN ACT

June 3, 1948  
 [H. R. 1608]  
 [Public Law 578]

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Postmaster General to contract for certain powerboat service in Alaska, and for other purposes", approved August 10, 1939 (53 Stat. 1338).

30 U. S. C. § 487a.

*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 the Postmaster General to contract for certain powerboat service in Alaska, and for other purposes", approved August 10, 1939 (53 Stat. 1338), is amended by striking out "\$125,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$250,000".

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