

## [CHAPTER 224]

## AN ACT

To protect the salaries of rural letter carriers who transfer from one rural route to another.

May 16, 1938  
[H. R. 3609]  
[Public, No. 520]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That effective as of July 1, 1934, subsection (d) of the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to adjust the salaries of rural letter carriers, and for other purposes", approved June 25, 1934, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new sentence to read as follows: "Should any such carrier be transferred to another route or other routes, the salary which he was receiving on June 30, 1934, shall be protected to the same extent as such salary would, under the preceding sentence, have been protected had such carrier continued to serve the route or routes from which he was transferred and had the length of such route or routes been changed to correspond to that of such other route or routes."

Postal Service.  
Rural letter carriers.

48 Stat. 1213.  
39 U. S. C. § 197a.

Protection of salaries upon transfer to other routes.

Approved, May 16, 1938.

## [CHAPTER 225]

## AN ACT

To correct United States citizenship status of certain persons born in Puerto Rico, and for other purposes

May 16, 1938  
[H. R. 4275]  
[Public, No. 521]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That a new section is hereby inserted between sections 5b and 6 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide a civil government for Porto Rico, and for other purposes", approved March 2, 1917, as amended, as follows:

"SEC. 5c. That any person of good character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States, and born in Puerto Rico on or after April 11, 1899, who has continued to reside within the jurisdiction of the United States, whose father elected on or before April 11, 1900, to preserve his allegiance to the Crown of Spain in accordance with the provisions of the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain entered into on April 11, 1899, and who, by reason of misinformation regarding his or her own citizenship status failed within the time limits prescribed by section 5 or section 5a hereof to exercise the privilege of establishing United States citizenship and has heretofore erroneously but in good faith exercised the rights and privileges and performed the duties of a citizen of the United States, and has not personally sworn allegiance to any foreign government or ruler upon or after attainment of majority, may make a sworn declaration of allegiance to the United States before any United States district court. Such declaration shall set forth facts concerning his or her birth in Puerto Rico, good character, attachment to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and being well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States, residence within the jurisdiction of the United States, and misinformation regarding United States citizenship status, and shall be accompanied by proof thereof satisfactory to the court. After making such declaration and submitting such proofs, such person shall be admitted to take the oath of allegiance before the court, and thereupon shall be considered a citizen of the United States."

Puerto Rico, civil government.  
39 Stat. 953.  
48 U. S. C. § 733b.

U. S. citizenship status of certain persons born in Puerto Rico.

Procedure.

Approved, May 16, 1938.