

[CHAPTER 282]

AN ACT

To amend and clarify the provisions of the Act of June 15, 1936 (49 Stat. 1507), and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That neither of the provisions of the Act of June 15, 1936 (49 Stat. 1507), nor any other law of the United States shall be construed as limiting the power and authority of the Secretary of War, under such regulations as he may prescribe, to require the hospitalization and medical treatment of persons in the active military service, and to incur obligations with respect thereto, without reference to their line-of-duty status: *Provided*, That this Act shall not apply to officers and enlisted men who are treated in private hospitals or by civilian physicians while on furloughs or leaves of absence in excess of twenty-four hours.

Approved, July 15, 1939.

[CHAPTER 283]

AN ACT

To authorize the purchase of equipment and supplies for experimental and test purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War may, at his discretion, purchase abroad or in the United States with or without competition, by contract or otherwise, such ordnance, signal, and chemical-warfare equipment, supplies, parts, accessories, or designs thereof, as may be necessary in his judgment for experimental or test purposes in the development of the best kind of equipment and supplies required for the national defense. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to waive or alter the provisions of Revised Statutes, section 3709, when purchases are made in quantity.

Approved, July 15, 1939.

[CHAPTER 284]

AN ACT

To extend the benefits of the United States Employees' Compensation Act to members of the Officers' Reserve Corps and of the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Army who are physically injured in line of duty while performing active duty or engaged in authorized training, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if in time of peace any member of the Officers' Reserve Corps or of the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Army is physically injured in line of duty (1) while on active duty, or (2) when engaged in authorized travel to and from such duty, or (3) when engaged in authorized training without pay, or dies as the result of such physical injury, he or his beneficiary shall be entitled to all the benefits prescribed by law for civil employees of the United States who are physically injured in line of duty or who die as a result thereof, and the United States Employees' Compensation Commission shall have jurisdiction in such cases and shall perform the same duties with reference thereto as in the cases of civil employees of the United States so injured: *Provided*, That the benefits shall accrue to any such member, or his beneficiary, whether the disability or death is the result of sickness or disease contracted in line of duty while on active duty when such sickness or disease is proximately caused by service on active duty:

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Army.
Hospitalization, etc.,
of persons in active
military service with-
out reference to line-
of-duty status.
49 Stat. 1507.

Proviso.
Exceptions.

July 15, 1939
[S. 1020]

[Public, No. 178]

War Department.
Purchase of equip-
ment and supplies for
experimental pur-
poses, etc., author-
ized.

Contract provisions.
R. S. § 3709.
41 U. S. C. § 5.

July 15, 1939
[S. 1021]

[Public, No. 179]

U. S. Employees'
Compensation Act.
Benefits extended to
members of Officers'
Reserve Corps, etc.,
on active duty in time
of peace.
39 Stat. 742.
5 U. S. C. ch. 15;
Supp. IV, ch. 15.

Jurisdiction of Em-
ployees' Compensa-
tion Commission.

Proviso.
Status clarified.