

Maintenance in separate fund of designated sums transferred; uses.

SEC. 2. (a) From the fund authorized to be transferred by section 1 hereof, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to transfer to the Secretary of the Interior sums as follows to be maintained in a separate fund, \$75,000, which shall be used by the Secretary of the Interior to promote the free flow of domestically produced fishery products in commerce by conducting a fishery educational service; and \$100,000, which shall be used by the Secretary of the Interior to develop and increase markets for fishery products of domestic origin.

Approved, August 11, 1939.

[CHAPTER 697]

AN ACT

To authorize the addition of certain lands to the Wenatchee National Forest.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any of the following-described lands which are found by the Secretary of Agriculture to be chiefly valuable for national-forest purposes may be exchanged under the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to consolidate national forest lands", approved March 20, 1922, as amended, and upon acceptance of title therefor shall become parts of the Wenatchee National Forest: Township 25 north, range 21 east, Willamette meridian, section 5; section 6, north half. Township 26 north, range 21 east, Willamette meridian, sections 1 to 8, inclusive; section 17, west half; sections 18 and 19; section 20, west half; section 29, west half; sections 30 and 31. Township 27 north, range 21 east, Willamette meridian, sections 19 to 36, inclusive.

SEC. 2. All public lands within the areas described in section 1 are hereby added to the Wenatchee National Forest and shall hereafter become subject to all laws and regulations applicable to national forests. The addition of such lands shall not affect any entry or vested right under the public land laws initiated prior to the passage of this Act. Lands received in exchange or purchased under the provisions of this Act shall be open to mineral locations, mineral development, and patent, in accordance with the mining laws of the United States.

Approved, August 11, 1939.

[CHAPTER 698]

AN ACT

Providing for the incorporation of certain persons as Group Hospitalization, Inc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Arthur C. Christie, doctor of medicine; Major General Charles R. Reynolds; Mrs. Joshua Evans, Junior; Joseph H. Himes; General Frank T. Hines; Frank R. Jelleff; Howard W. Kacy; Mark Lansburgh; Admiral Ross T. McIntire; George H. O'Connor; Sidney F. Taliaferro; Charles S. White, doctor of medicine; Roger J. Whiteford; Thomas W. Brahany; and E. Barrett Prettyman, and their successors to be selected in the manner hereinafter declared, be, and they hereby are, incorporated and made a body politic and corporate, by the name of "Group Hospitalization, Inc.," and by that name may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and beimpleaded in any court of law or equity of competent jurisdiction, and may have and use a common seal.

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[H. R. 5747]

[Public, No. 394]

Wenatchee National Forest, Wash.
Addition of certain lands authorized.

42 Stat. 465; 43 Stat. 1090.
16 U. S. C. §§ 485, 486.

Inclusion of public lands.

Prior rights not affected.

Mineral locations, etc.

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[H. R. 6266]

[Public, No. 395]

Group Hospitalization, Inc.
Incorporators.

Corporate name.

SEC. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered (a) to enter into contracts with individuals or groups of individuals to provide for hospitalization of such individuals, upon payment of specified rates or premiums, and to issue to such individuals appropriate certificates evidencing such contracts; (b) to enter into contracts with hospitals for the care and treatment of such individuals, in accordance with the terms of such certificates; and (c) to cooperate, consolidate, or contract with groups or organizations interested in promoting and safeguarding the public health.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall not be conducted for profit, but shall be conducted for the benefit of the aforesaid certificate holders. The business and affairs of this corporation shall be conducted by its board of trustees, who shall have full power and authority in the premises, including authority to provide for all expenses incident to the conduct and management of its business and affairs. The number of trustees shall be fixed by the bylaws, but shall be at least fifteen, and shall be maintained so as to be divisible into three equal classes. The incorporators are hereby declared to be the first board of trustees of this corporation, and their respective terms of office shall be as follows: General Frank T. Hines, Sidney F. Taliaferro, and Frank R. Jelleff, five years; Howard W. Kacy, Admiral Ross T. McIntire, and Arthur C. Christie, four years; Major General Charles R. Reynolds, Joseph H. Himes, and Charles S. White, three years; Mrs. Joshua Evans, Junior, Mark Lansburgh, and George H. O'Connor, two years; Roger J. Whiteford, Thomas W. Brahany, and E. Barrett Prettyman, one year. Upon the expiration of the respective terms of said trustees, their successors shall be appointed as follows: One by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, one by the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, and one by a group consisting of the president or chairman of the boards of trustees or other designated individual of each hospital with which the corporation shall have contracts for hospitalization, at a meeting called thirty days in advance by the president of Group Hospitalization, Inc. If either of the other two groups aforesaid shall fail to name their respective quotas of trustees at any time, then such trustees shall be selected by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. If the number of trustees shall be increased, each of the appointing authorities heretofore designated shall increase, proportionately, the number of trustees to be appointed by such appointing authority. Each of the trustees to be appointed as aforesaid shall serve for five years.

SEC. 4. The first board of trustees shall meet within ten days after the approval of this Act and elect a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and from time to time such additional officers as the bylaws may provide, and also transact such other business as may properly come before them, including the preparation for approval, from time to time, of the necessary bylaws for the proper conduct of the corporation. The treasurer shall give bond to the corporation with sufficient surety, in such penalty as the trustees determine, for the faithful discharge of his duty. Thereafter the meetings of the trustees shall be held at such time and place as provided in the bylaws. In case of vacancy in the board of trustees caused otherwise than by expiration of term of office, such vacancy shall be filled by the remaining trustees for the unexpired term of such former trustee.

SEC. 5. The corporation shall file with the superintendent of insurance of the District of Columbia a certified copy of this charter, of its bylaws, and copies of the forms of contracts to be offered to the certificate holders, whereupon the company may commence operations under this charter. The corporation shall also file annually with said superintendent of insurance a statement disclosing the operations of

Powers.

Nonprofit business, conducted for benefit of certificate holders.

Trustees.

Incorporators declared first board of trustees; terms of office.

Appointment of successors.

Meetings, officers, etc.

Certified copy of charter to be filed with superintendent of insurance, D. C.

Report.

Improper conduct.

the corporation for the preceding year, and its financial position. If said superintendent shall have reason to believe that this corporation is not complying with the provisions of this charter, or is being operated for profit, or fraudulently conducted, he shall cause to be instituted the necessary proceedings to enjoin such improper conduct, or to dissolve this corporation.

Investments.

SEC. 6. The funds of this company may be invested only in securities in which the funds of insurance companies may be invested, as provided by the laws of the District of Columbia.

Application of D. C. laws.

SEC. 7. This corporation shall not be subject to the provisions of statutes regulating the business of insurance in the District of Columbia, but shall be exempt therefrom unless specifically designated therein.

Purposes declared; property tax-exempt; exception.

SEC. 8. This corporation is hereby declared to be a charitable and benevolent institution, and all of its funds and property shall be exempt from taxation other than taxes on real estate.

Corporate authority.

SEC. 9. The corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to take over, carry out, and assume all contracts, obligations, assets, and liabilities of a corporation heretofore organized and now doing business in the District of Columbia under the name of Group Hospitalization, Inc.

Right to amend or repeal reserved.

SEC. 10. This Act may be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of the Congress of the United States of America.

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[CHAPTER 699]

AN ACT

August 11, 1939

[H. R. 6634]

[Public, No. 396]

Amending previous flood-control Acts, and authorizing certain preliminary examinations and surveys for flood control, and for other purposes.

Flood control.

50 Stat. 877.
33 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, § 701g.

Removal of debris,
etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Flood Control Act of August 28, 1937, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to allot not to exceed \$300,000 from any appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for any one fiscal year for flood control, for removing accumulated snags and other debris and clearing channels in navigable streams and tributaries thereof when in the opinion of the Chief of Engineers such work is advisable in the interest of flood control: *Provided*, That not more than \$25,000 shall be allotted for this purpose for any single tributary from the appropriations for any one fiscal year."

Proviso.
Restriction.

Funds made available for surveys, preparing reports, etc.

SEC. 2. Funds heretofore or hereafter appropriated for construction and maintenance of flood-control works by the War Department shall be available for expenditure by the War Department in making examinations and surveys for flood control heretofore or hereafter authorized, or in preparing reports in review thereof as authorized by law, in addition to funds heretofore authorized to be expended for such purposes by the War Department.

52 Stat. 804.
33 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, § 658b.

Exchange of land
or other property.
Buffalo Bayou and
tributaries, Tex.
52 Stat. 802.

SEC. 3. That section 2 of the River and Harbor Act of June 20, 1938, is hereby made applicable to authorized works of flood control.

SEC. 3a. Buffalo Bayou and its tributaries, Texas; the project set forth in House Document Numbered 456, Seventy-fifth Congress, and authorized by Public Law Numbered 685, Seventy-fifth Congress, is hereby modified in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of Public Law Numbered 761, Seventy-fifth Congress, and all requirements of local cooperation inconsistent with said section 2 are hereby eliminated.

52 Stat. 1215.
33 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, § 701c (note).

Ohio River Basin.
52 Stat. 1217.

SEC. 4. The flood-control plan for the Ohio River Basin authorized in section 4 of the Act of Congress June 28, 1938 (Public, Numbered