

the amount of \$20, except such as is by law exempt from being taken on civil process for debt by the laws of (naming the State where oath is administered); and that I have no property in any way conveyed or concealed, or in any way disposed of, for my future use or benefit. So help me God.' Upon taking such oath such convict shall be discharged; and the commissioner shall give to the keeper of the jail a certificate setting forth the facts. In case the convict is found by the commissioner to possess property valued at an amount in excess of said exemption, nevertheless, if the Attorney General finds that the retention by such convict of all of such property is reasonably necessary for his support or that of his family, such convict shall be released without further imprisonment solely for the nonpayment of such fine, or fine and costs; or if he finds that the retention by such convict of any part of such property is reasonably necessary for his support or that of his family, such convict shall be released without further imprisonment solely for nonpayment of such fine or fine and costs upon payment on account of his fine and costs, of that portion of his property in excess of the amount found to be reasonably necessary for his support or that of his family."

Discharge.

Possession of property in excess of exemption.

SEC. 5. The Act of May 14, 1930 (46 Stat. 325; U. S. C., title 18, sec. 753 to 753j), as amended, is amended by inserting after section 11 the following section:

"SEC. 12. Officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons of the Department of Justice are empowered to make arrests without warrant for violations of any of the provisions of sections 9, 10, and 11, of this Act, if the person making the arrest has reasonable grounds to believe that the person so arrested is guilty of such offense, and if there is likelihood of the person escaping before a warrant can be obtained for his arrest. If the person so arrested is a fugitive from custody, he shall be returned to custody, and all other persons so arrested shall immediately be taken before a committing officer. Officers and employees of the said Bureau of Prisons are authorized and empowered to carry firearms under such rules and regulations as the Attorney General may prescribe."

Bureau of Prisons. Arrests without warrant.

Authority to carry firearms.

Approved, June 29, 1940.

[CHAPTER 450]

AN ACT

To amend section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act for the retirement of employees of the Alaska Railroad, Territory of Alaska, who are citizens of the United States", approved June 29, 1936.

June 29, 1940
[H. R. 8046]
[Public, No. 680]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act for the retirement of employees of the Alaska Railroad, Territory of Alaska, who are citizens of the United States", approved June 29, 1936 (49 Stat. 2017), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Alaska Railroad. Retirement of certain employees.

5 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 745.

Employees eligible.

"That all employees of the Alaska Railroad, Territory of Alaska, who are citizens of the United States and whose tenure of employment is not intermittent nor of uncertain duration, shall come within the provisions of this Act: *Provided, however,* That employees of the Alaska Railroad who in the past have been, or in the future may be, employed thereon for the period of at least three months per year for at least two years shall come within the provisions of this Act: *Provided further,* That clerical employees of the Alaska Railroad who were subject to the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 22, 1920, as amended, at any time between July 1, 1935, and the effective date of this Act shall deposit in the Alaska Railroad retirement and disability fund an additional 1½ per centum of the basic

Provisos. Service requirement.

Clerical employees.

41 Stat. 614.
5 U. S. C. §§ 691-736c;
Supp. V, §§ 693-736b.

salary, pay, or compensation received by them during such period, together with interest computed at the rate of 4 per centum per annum compounded on the last day of each fiscal year, but such interest shall not be included for any period during which the employee was separated from the service."

Transfer of credit to retirement fund.

41 Stat. 614.
5 U. S. C. §§ 691-736c;
Supp. V, §§ 693-736b.

Effective date.

SEC. 2. The United States Civil Service Commission is hereby authorized and directed to ascertain the amount, if any, including accrued interest, due employees of the Alaska Railroad coming within the purview of this Act from the civil-service retirement and disability funds created by the Act of May 22, 1920, and to certify same to the Secretary of the Treasury, who is hereby authorized and directed to transfer such amount on the books of the Treasury Department to the Alaska Railroad retirement and disability fund.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the third month next following its approval.

Approved, June 29, 1940.

[CHAPTER 451]

AN ACT

To authorize the furnishing of steam from the Central Heating Plant to the National Academy of Sciences, and for other purposes.

June 29, 1940
[H. R. 8076]
[Public, No. 681]

National Academy of Sciences, D. C.
Furnishing of steam authorized.

Proviso.
Payment for steam.

Payment for work involved.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal Works Administrator through the Public Buildings Administration be, and is hereby, authorized to furnish steam from the Central Heating Plant for the use of the National Academy of Sciences on the property designated as square 88 in the District of Columbia: *Provided,* That the National Academy of Sciences agrees to pay for the steam furnished at reasonable rates, not less than cost, as may be determined by the Administrator of the Federal Works Agency: *Provided further,* That the Federal Works Administrator, through the Public Buildings Administration, is authorized to prepare plans and specifications and to supervise and contract for the work necessary to connect with the Government mains and to receive payment from the National Academy of Sciences by the transfer of funds in advance to cover the cost of such work and services, including administrative expenses.

Approved, June 29, 1940.

[CHAPTER 452]

AN ACT

For the marking, care, and maintenance of the Mount of Victory plot in the Cypress Hills Cemetery, in Brooklyn, New York.

June 29, 1940
[H. R. 8258]
[Public, No. 682]

Cypress Hills National Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Addition of Mount of Victory plot.

Care, maintenance, and marking.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, The Secretary of War is authorized and directed to accept (on behalf of, and without cost to, the United States) title to that certain burial plot in the Cypress Hills Cemetery, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, in the State of New York, known as the Mount of Victory plot and designated on a map of said cemetery filed according to law as lots numbers 354 to 359, inclusive, in section 2, comprising approximately two thousand four hundred square feet, in which plot are interred the remains of the last survivor and of other veterans of the War of 1812, and to make said plot part and parcel of the Cypress Hills National Cemetery acquired in 1870 from and also located wholly within said Cypress Hills Cemetery. The said Mount of Victory plot shall thereafter receive care, maintenance, and marking as provided by U. S. C., title 24, sections 278 and 279.

Approved, June 29, 1940.