

## [CHAPTER 690]

## AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to furnish mats for the reproduction in magazines and newspapers of photographs of national park scenery.

August 27, 1940  
[S. 769]

[Public, No. 771]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to have prepared mats which may be used for the reproduction in magazines and newspapers of photographs of such of the scenery in the national parks as, in the opinion of the Secretary, would be of interest to the people of the United States and foreign nations. Any such mats may be furnished, without charge and under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, to the publishers of magazines, newspapers, and any other publications which may carry photographic reproductions.

Photographs of national park scenery. Preparation of mats for magazines, etc.

No charge for mats.

Appropriation authorized.  
Post, p. 1042.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, August 27, 1940.

## [CHAPTER 691]

## AN ACT

Granting to certain claimants the preference right to purchase certain public lands in the State of Florida.

August 27, 1940  
[S. 3975]

[Public, No. 772]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior, in his discretion, is hereby authorized to sell, in the manner hereinafter provided, lots 3, 4, and 5, section 10, lots 3, 4, 5, and 6, section 11, lots 1 and 2, section 14, township 3 south, range 17 west, Tallahassee meridian, Florida, which lands were omitted from the original survey due to the erroneous meanders of the Gulf of Mexico and shown upon the official plat of the original survey as a water-covered area.

Florida. Sale of designated public lands authorized.

SEC. 2. Any owner in good faith of land in sections 10, 11, and 14, township 3 south, range 17 west, shown by the official plat of the original survey approved May 22, 1849, to be bounded by the Gulf of Mexico, but which in fact is bounded by the omitted area as shown by plat of survey accepted March 6, 1939, and who acquired title to such land prior to this enactment, or any citizen of the United States who in good faith under color of title or claiming as a riparian owner has, prior to this Act, placed valuable improvements upon or reduced to cultivation any of the lands subject to the operation of this Act, shall have a preferred right to purchase the erroneously omitted land lying adjacent to his privately owned land, or to purchase the land thus improved by him, respectively, at any time within ninety days from the date of the passage of this Act. Every application to purchase must be filed in the General Land Office and must be accompanied with satisfactory proof that the applicant is entitled to such preference right and that the lands which he applies to purchase are not in the legal possession of an adverse claimant under the public land laws. The term "citizen" as herein used shall include any association of citizens, and a corporation organized under the laws of any State and authorized to engage in business in the State of Florida. In event that any such applicant shall have contracted to convey or attempted to convey title to any of the above-described lands with covenants of warranty, express or implied, he may be allowed to make such purchase and to obtain patent in trust for the persons holding under such contract or conveyance, as their interests may appear.

Preferred rights to purchase.

Application to purchase.

"Citizen" construed.

Contract to convey, etc., lands with covenants of warranty.