

## [CHAPTER 217]

## AN ACT

To amend section 927 of the Code of Law of the District of Columbia, relating to insane criminals.

July 2, 1945  
[S. 463]  
[Public Law 110]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 927 of an Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended, relating to insane criminals, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:*

D. C. Code, amend-  
ment.  
31 Stat. 1340.  
D. C. Code § 24-301.

"SEC. 927. INSANE CRIMINALS.—When any person tried upon an indictment or information for an offense or tried in the juvenile court of the District of Columbia for an offense, is acquitted on the sole ground that he was insane at the time of its commission, that fact shall be set forth by the jury in their verdict; and whenever a person is indicted or is charged by an information for an offense, or is charged in the juvenile court of the District of Columbia with an offense, and before trial or after a verdict of guilty, it shall appear to the court, from prima facie evidence submitted to the court or from the evidence adduced at the trial, that the accused is then of unsound mind, the court may order the accused committed to the Gallinger Municipal Hospital for a period not exceeding thirty days, which period may be extended by the court for good cause shown, for examination and observation by the psychiatric staff of said hospital. If, after examination and observation, the said psychiatric staff shall report that in their opinion the accused is insane, the court may cause a jury to be impaneled from the jurors then in attendance on the court or, if the regular jurors have been discharged, may cause a sufficient number of jurors to be drawn to inquire into the sanity of the accused, and said inquiry shall be conducted in the presence and under the direction of the court. If the jury shall find the accused to be then insane, or if an accused person shall be acquitted by the jury solely on the ground of insanity, the court may certify the fact to the Federal Security Administrator, who may order such person to be confined in the hospital for the insane, and said person and his estate shall be charged with the expense of his support in the said hospital. The person whose sanity is in question shall be entitled to his bill of exceptions and an appeal as in other cases."

Insanity at time  
offense committed.

Committal to Gal-  
linger Municipal Hos-  
pital for observation.

Procedure, if ac-  
cused reported insane.

Approved July 2, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 218]

## AN ACT

To amend the joint resolution of January 27, 1942, entitled "Joint resolution to enable the United States to become an adhering member of the Inter-American Statistical Institute."

July 2, 1945  
[H. R. 688]  
[Public Law 111]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to enable the United States to become an adhering member of the Inter-American Statistical Institute", approved January 27, 1942, is amended by striking out the two provisos contained therein and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Provided, That (1) the membership dues of the United States payable for any fiscal year shall not be paid unless, during the preceding*

Inter-American  
Statistical Institute.

56 Stat. 20.  
22 U. S. C., Supp.  
IV, § 269d.

Conditional pay-  
ment of membership  
dues.

fiscal year, at least eight other American nations shall have been in good standing as adhering members, and unless at least eight of such other adhering members for the last preceding year for which such members were respectively obligated to pay dues shall have paid dues which aggregated at least \$10,000, and (2) the total cost to the United States for any fiscal year, for adhering membership, shall not exceed \$35,000."

Approved July 2, 1945.

[CHAPTER 219]

AN ACT

To authorize an award of merit for uncompensated personnel of the Selective Service System.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Congress hereby declares that many members of local boards, boards of appeal, Government appeal agents, local board examining physicians and dentists, members of medical advisory boards, and reemployment committeemen and other uncompensated personnel of the Selective Service System have, in a manner which is an example of patriotism, served the United States in the administration of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended. This service has been voluntary and uncompensated and in many cases has resulted in great sacrifices on the part of these citizens.

The Congress further declares that in accordance with the historic policy of the United States to recognize and publicly acknowledge the gratitude of the people and Government of the United States for patriotic service, that uncompensated personnel of the Selective Service System who have given faithful service should be awarded a certificate and medal in recognition of their patriotic service.

SEC. 2. There may be awarded in the name of the Congress of the United States to such uncompensated personnel of the Selective Service System who have faithfully served more than two years and such others who have served faithfully as may be selected by the Director of Selective Service a certificate and a medal for faithful service in the administration of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended.

SEC. 3. The medal authorized by this Act shall be known as the Selective Service Medal and shall be in such form and of such design and material as shall be prescribed by the Director of Selective Service.

SEC. 4. The appropriations for the Selective Service System shall be available for the payment of all expenses incident to the creation and awarding of the certificates and medals authorized by this Act.

Approved July 2, 1945.

[CHAPTER 220]

AN ACT

To amend the Canal Zone Code.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That paragraph (a) of section 93 of title 2 of the Canal Zone Code, approved June 19, 1934, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) Any employee to whom this article applies who shall have attained the age of fifty-five and rendered at least twenty-five years of service, of which not less than fifteen years shall have been rendered on the Isthmus of Panama, may voluntarily retire on an annuity equivalent in value to the present worth of a deferred

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[H. R. 1812]

[Public Law 112]

Selective Service System. Uncompensated personnel.

54 Stat. 885.  
50 U. S. C. app. §§ 301-318; Supp. IV, app. § 302 *et seq.*  
*Ante*, p. 166.

Award of certificate and medal.

*Supra*.

Selective Service Medal.

Appropriations available.  
*Post*, p. 484.

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[H. R. 2125]

[Public Law 113]

Canal Zone Code, amendment.  
48 U. S. C. § 1371b.

Voluntary retirement annuity.