

annuity beginning at the age at which the employee would otherwise have become eligible for retirement, computed as provided in section 96 of this title: *Provided*, That any employee retiring prior to attaining the age of sixty under the provisions of this paragraph with at least thirty years of service shall receive an immediate annuity having a value equal to the present worth of a deferred annuity beginning at the age of sixty years, computed as provided in section 96 of this title."

Approved July 2, 1945.

[CHAPTER 221]

AN ACT

To provide for the issuance of the Mexican Border Service Medal to certain members of the Reserve forces of the Army on active duty in 1916 and 1917.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is authorized and directed to issue the Mexican Border Service Medal to any officer of the Medical Reserve Corps or to any other member of a reserve component of the Army not eligible under existing law to receive such medal or the Mexican Service Medal heretofore authorized by the President who (1) served on the Mexican border at any time during the period from January 1, 1916, to April 6, 1917, or (2) was called to active duty during such period on account of the existing emergency and served in the field but rendered service elsewhere than on the Mexican border: *Provided*, That such medal shall not be issued to any person who has, subsequent to such service, been dishonorably discharged from the service or deserted.

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48 U. S. C. § 1371e;
Supp. IV, § 1371e.

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[Public Law 114]

Mexican Border
Service Medal.

Restriction.

[CHAPTER 222]

AN ACT

To amend paragraph (c) of section 6 of the District of Columbia Traffic Act, as amended by Act approved February 27, 1931.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proviso of paragraph (c), section 6, of the District of Columbia Traffic Acts, as amended by the Act approved February 27, 1931, be, and the same is hereby, further amended by adding thereto the following: "*Provided further*, That such congressional tags shall be valid only for the Congress in which such tags are so issued, and it shall be unlawful to display such congressional tags for a period longer than thirty days after the opening of the next Congress.

"Any person violating this section shall be fined not more than \$300 or imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both."

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[Public Law 115]

D. C. Traffic Act,
amendment.

46 Stat. 1425,
D. C. Code § 40-603
(c).

Congressional tags.

[CHAPTER 223]

AN ACT

To validate titles to certain lands conveyed by Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes and to amend the Act entitled "An Act relative to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma", approved January 27, 1933, and to validate State court judgments in Oklahoma and judgments of the United States District Courts of the State of Oklahoma.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no conveyance made by an Indian of the Five Civilized Tribes on or after April 26, 1931, and prior to the date of enactment of this Act, of lands

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purchased, prior to April 26, 1931, for the use and benefit of such Indian with funds derived from the sale of, or as income from, restricted allotted lands and conveyed to him by deed containing restrictions on alienation without the consent and approval of the Secretary of the Interior prior to April 26, 1931, shall be invalid because such conveyance was made without the consent and approval of the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That all such conveyances made after the date of the enactment of this Act must have the consent and approval of the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided further*, That if any such conveyances are subject to attack upon grounds other than the insufficiency of approval or lack of approval such conveyances shall not be affected by this section.

SEC. 2. That nothing contained in the Act of January 27, 1933 (47 Stat. 777), shall be construed to impose restrictions on the alienation of lands or interests in lands acquired by inheritance, devise, or in any other manner, by Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes, where such lands, or interest therein, were not restricted against alienation at the time of acquisition, and all conveyances executed by Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes after January 27, 1933, and before the date of approval of this section, of lands, or interests in lands, which, at the time of acquisition by them, were free from restrictions, are hereby confirmed and declared to be valid, irrespective of whether such conveyances were or were not approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or by any county court of the State of Oklahoma: *Provided*, That if any such conveyances are subject to attack upon grounds other than the insufficiency of approval or lack of approval such conveyances shall not be affected by this section: *Provided further*, That the provisions of this section shall not be construed to validate or confirm any conveyance made in violation of restrictions recited in any deed to lands purchased with the restricted or trust funds belonging to any Indian of the Five Civilized Tribes.

SEC. 3. That no order, judgment, or decree in partition made, entered, or rendered subsequent to the effective date of the Act of June 14, 1918 (40 Stat. 606), and prior to the effective date of this Act, and involving inherited restricted lands of enrolled and unenrolled members of the Five Civilized Tribes, shall be held null, void, invalid, or inoperative, nor shall any conveyance of any land pursuant to such order, judgment, or decree be held null, void, invalid, or inoperative because the United States was not a party to such order, judgment, or decree, or to any of the proceedings in connection therewith, or because the United States, its agents, or officers, or any of them, was not served with any notice or process in connection therewith, and all such orders, judgments, decrees, and conveyances, which are subject to attack solely by reason of any of the infirmities enumerated by this section, are hereby confirmed, approved, and declared valid.

SEC. 4. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and the applicability of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

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²⁵ U. S. C. §§ 355,
375.

Separability of provisions.