

## [CHAPTER 602]

## AN ACT

December 28, 1945  
[H. R. 4683]  
[Public Law 282]

To authorize the Export-Import Bank of Washington to extend its operations to include the Philippine Islands.

Export-Import  
Bank of Washington.  
*Acte*, p. 526.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 2 (a) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 (Public Law 173, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved July 31, 1945) is hereby amended by inserting immediately after the word "country" the following: "(or the Philippine Islands)".

Approved December 28, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 603]

## AN ACT

December 28, 1945  
[S. 576]  
[Public Law 283]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act extending the classified executive civil service of the United States", approved November 26, 1940, so as to eliminate the time limit within which incumbents of positions covered into the classified service pursuant to such Act may be recommended for classification.

Extension of Civil  
Service Act.

5 U. S. C. § 631b.  
Acquisition of  
status.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That clause (1) of subsection (a) of section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act extending the classified executive civil service of the United States", approved November 26, 1940 (54 Stat. 1212), is amended to read as follows: "(1) upon a finding by the Civil Service Commission on the basis of the personal record of the incumbent that such incumbent has served with merit for not less than six months immediately prior to the date such office or position was covered into the classified civil service;"

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## [CHAPTER 604]

## AN ACT

December 28, 1945  
[S. 715]  
[Public Law 284]

To provide more efficient dental care for the personnel of the United States Navy.

Bureau of Medicine  
and Surgery, Navy,  
reorganization.

Dental functions of  
Bureau.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That within six months after the date of enactment of this Act the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery shall be reorganized so as to provide for greater integrity of the Dental Service in accordance with the provisions hereof.

SEC. 2. The dental functions of such Bureau shall be defined and prescribed by appropriate directives of such Bureau, and by any necessary regulations of the Secretary of the Navy, to the end that the Dental Division of such Bureau shall study, plan, and direct all matters coming within the cognizance of such Division, as hereinafter prescribed, and all matters relating to dentistry shall be referred to the Dental Division.

Dental Division.

SEC. 3. The Dental Division shall (1) establish professional standards and policies for dental practice; (2) conduct inspections and surveys for maintenance of such standards; (3) initiate and recommend action pertaining to complements, appointments, advancement, training assignment, and transfer of dental personnel; and (4) serve as the advisory agency for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery on all matters relating directly to dentistry. An officer of the Dental Corps of the Navy shall be detailed as the Chief of the Dental Division. Such officer, while so serving, shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of a rear admiral.