

authority of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, or the Chairman of the Maritime Commission, under which exercised.”

SEC. 2. The Act of October 25, 1943 (57 Stat. 575; U. S. C., Supp. III, title 38, ch. 1, sec. 11a), entitled “An Act to provide for furnishing transportation in Government-owned automotive vehicles for employees of the Veterans’ Administration at field stations in the absence of adequate public or private transportation” is amended to read as follows:

“That during the present war and not exceeding six months after the termination of the war, the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs, whenever he finds such action to be necessary for the efficient conduct of the affairs of his Administration, and under such regulations as he may prescribe, is authorized to utilize automotive equipment of the Veterans’ Administration to transport its employees between field stations and nearest adequate public transportation at such reasonable rates of fare for the service furnished as he may establish. All moneys collected as fares from such employees shall be accounted for and shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of miscellaneous receipts. The authority herein granted the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs shall be exercised with respect to any station only after determination by the Administrator that existing private and other facilities are not and cannot be rendered adequate by other means, and that its exercise will result in the most efficient method of supplying transportation to the personnel concerned and a proper utilization of transportation facilities.”

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38 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 11a note.

Veterans’ Administration.  
Field stations.

Moneys collected as fares.

Exercise of authority.

[CHAPTER 122]

AN ACT

To reimburse certain Navy personnel and former Navy personnel for personal property lost or damaged as the result of fires which occurred at various Navy shore activities.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sum or sums, amounting in the aggregate not to exceed \$1,741.95, as may be required by the Secretary of the Navy to reimburse, under such regulations as he may prescribe, certain Navy personnel and former Navy personnel for the value of personal property lost or damaged as the result of fires occurring in a drill hall hangar and Quonset hut, Naval air station, Pasco, Washington, on February 27, 1945; in Quonset hut, United States Naval Receiving Station, Navy 128, on July 15, 1945; in building 178 at Scout Observation Service Unit One, Navy 128, on July 27, 1945: *Provided,* That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Navy personnel and former Navy personnel.  
Reimbursement.

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