

in any case where payment for such travel has not theretofore been made.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, respectively, are authorized to delegate authority to determine the availability of Government transportation for dependents of military and naval personnel to or from stations beyond the continental limits of the United States under any provision of law and such determinations heretofore made by administrative officers shall be deemed sufficient to support payments for transportation of dependents.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, respectively, are authorized to prescribe regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. Determinations of dependency and distances for the purpose of this Act, made by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, respectively, or such persons as they may designate, shall be conclusive.

SEC. 6. The provisions of section 5 of this Act shall terminate on September 1, 1948.

SEC. 7. In cases involving personnel of the Coast Guard at times when the Coast Guard is not operating as a part of the Navy, the authorities, powers, and functions prescribed for the Secretary of the Navy in sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this Act shall be performed by the Secretary of the Treasury in the same manner and under the same conditions as are prescribed herein for the Secretary of the Navy.

Approved April 27, 1946.

[CHAPTER 242]

AN ACT

Relating to the domestic raising of fur-bearing animals.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the purposes of all classification and administration of Acts of Congress, Executive orders, administrative orders, and regulations pertaining to—

(a) fox, rabbit, mink, chinchilla, marten, fisher, muskrat, karakul and all other fur-bearing animals, raised in captivity for breeding or other useful purposes shall be deemed domestic animals;

(b) such animals and the products thereof shall be deemed agricultural products; and

(c) the breeding, raising, producing, or marketing of such animals or their products by the producer shall be deemed an agricultural pursuit.

SEC. 2. (a) All the functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior, which affect the breeding, raising, producing, marketing, or any other phase of the production or distribution, of domestically raised fur-bearing animals, or products thereof, are hereby transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Agriculture.

(b) Appropriations and unexpended balances of appropriations, or parts thereof, which the Director of the Budget determines to be available for expenditure for the administration of any function transferred by this Act, shall be available for expenditure for the continued administration of such function by the officer to whom such function is so transferred.

(c) All records and property (including office furniture and equipment) under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the

Stations outside U.S.

Regulations.

Determinations of dependency, etc.

Coast Guard.

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Domestic raising of fur-bearing animals.

Classification.

Transfer of functions.

Funds available.

Transfer of property.

Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior used primarily in connection with the administration of functions transferred by this Act are hereby transferred to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Effective date.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect sixty days after the date of its enactment.

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[CHAPTER 243]

AN ACT

For the rehabilitation of the Philippines:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946".*

TITLE I—COMPENSATION FOR WAR DAMAGE

SEC. 101. (a) There is hereby established a Philippine War Damage Commission (in this title referred to as the "Commission"). The Commission shall consist of three members, to be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. One of the members of the Commission shall be a Filipino. The members of the Commission shall receive compensation at the rate of \$12,000 a year. The terms of office of the members of the Commission shall expire at the time fixed in subsection (d) for winding up the affairs of the Commission. A vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall not impair the authority of the remaining two members of the Commission to exercise all of its functions. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as in the case of the original selection. Members of the Commission shall receive their necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in connection with their duties as such members, or a per diem allowance in lieu thereof, to be fixed by the Commission without regard to the limitation prescribed in any existing law.

(b) The Commission may, without regard to the civil-service laws or the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, appoint and fix the compensation and allowances of such officers, attorneys, and employees, and may make such expenditures, as may be necessary to carry out its functions. Officers and employees of any other department or agency of the Government may, with the consent of the head of such department or agency, be assigned to assist the Commission in carrying out its functions. The Commission may, with the consent of the head of any other department or agency of the Government, utilize the facilities and services of such department or agency in carrying out the functions of the Commission.

(c) The Commission may prescribe such rules and regulations as are necessary for carrying out its functions, and may delegate functions to any member, officer, or employee of the Commission or of any other department or agency of the United States or of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and shall give public notice of the time when, and the limit of the time within which, claims may be filed, which notice shall be given in such manner as the Commission shall prescribe.

(d) The Commission shall, so far as practicable, give consideration to, but need not await, or be bound by, the recommendations of the Filipino Rehabilitation Commission (created by the Act approved June 29, 1944) with respect to Philippine war damage. The Commission shall wind up its affairs not later than two years after

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Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946.  
Post, pp. 805, 916.

Post, p. 140.

Commission established.  
Composition, salaries, etc.

Powers.

42 Stat. 1488.  
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674; Supp. V, § 661 et seq.  
Post, pp. 216, 219.

Rules and regulations.

Filing of claims.

Recommendations of Filipino Rehabilitation Commission.  
58 Stat. 626.  
48 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 1243.  
Post, p. 158.  
Closing of affairs.