

such sealed package shall be opened only by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. If the birth occurred outside of the District of Columbia, the clerk of the court shall, upon petition by the adopter, furnish him with a certified copy of the final decree of adoption.”

Approved June 26, 1946.

[CHAPTER 500]

AN ACT

To provide military assistance to the Republic of the Philippines in establishing and maintaining national security and to form a basis for participation by that government in such defensive military operations as the future may require.

June 26, 1946

[H. R. 6572]

[Public Law 454]

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 “Republic of the Philippines Military Assistance Act”.

Short title.
Post, p. 916.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the President is authorized, upon application by the Republic of the Philippines, and whenever in his discretion the public interest renders such course advisable, to provide: (a) for the instruction and training of military and naval personnel of the Republic of the Philippines; (b) for the maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of military or naval equipment in the possession of the said country; and (c) for the transfer to the said country of any arms, ammunition, and implements of war as defined in the President’s proclamation 2549 of April 9, 1942, or any superseding proclamations; any other aircraft; naval vessels except those in the category of battleships, cruisers, aircraft carriers, destroyers, and submarines; any stores, supplies, services, technical information, material, and equipment: *Provided*, That such transfer shall be consistent with military and naval requirements of the United States and with the national interest.

Instruction and training.

Equipment.

Transfer of arms, etc.

56 Stat. 1948.
22 U. S. C., Supp. V,
§ 452 note.

SEC. 3. The President is authorized to provide such assistance or transfer property or information pursuant to section 2, by sale, loan, exchange, lease, gift, or transfer for cash, credit, or other property with or without warranty and upon such other terms and conditions as he shall find proper.

Providing of assistance, etc., pursuant to section 2.

SEC. 4. As a condition precedent to the receipt of any assistance, information, or property pursuant to this Act the Government of the Republic of the Philippines shall undertake (a) that it will not, without the consent of the President of the United States, transfer title to or possession of any property transferred to it pursuant to this Act, (b) that it will not permit use of any property so received or disclosure of any plan, specification, or other information pertaining thereto or any technical information furnished, by or to anyone not an officer, employee, or agent of the Republic of the Philippines, or for any purpose other than those set forth in this Act, and (c) that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines will make provisions comparable to those customarily made by the United States for the security of any article, plan, or information received under the terms of this Act.

Conditions precedent to receipt of assistance, etc.

SEC. 5. The President of the United States is authorized, upon application from the Republic of the Philippines, and whenever in his discretion the public interest renders such a course advisable, to detail officers and enlisted men of the Army of the United States, and the United States Navy and Marine Corps to assist that Government: *Provided*, That the officers and enlisted men so detailed are authorized to accept from the Republic of the Philippines offices and such compensation and emoluments thereunto appertaining as may be first approved by the Secretary of War, or by the Secretary of the Navy, as the case may be: *Provided further*, That such compensation may be

Detail of officers and enlisted men of armed forces of the U. S.

Compensation, etc., from Republic of the Philippines.

Pay and allowances,
etc., from U. S.

Additional compen-
sation.

Appropriations au-
thorized.
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Limitations.

Rules and regula-
tions.

Transfer of prop-
erty.

Effective date.

accepted by the United States Government for remittance to the individual if in the opinion of the Secretary of War, or of the Secretary of the Navy, as the case may be, such a course appears desirable: *Provided further*, That while so detailed such officers and enlisted men shall receive, in addition to the compensation and emoluments allowed them by that Government, the pay and allowances thereto entitled in the Army of the United States, or the United States Navy, and Marine Corps, and shall be allowed the same credit for longevity, retirement, and for all other purposes that they would receive if they were serving with the forces of the United States: *And provided further*, That in addition to or in the absence of such compensation from that Government, the officers and enlisted men so detailed shall receive such additional compensation as may be determined by the Secretary of War, or the Secretary of the Navy, as the case may be, and approved by the President.

SEC. 6. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That articles or services furnished pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall be within the limits of appropriations made specifically for that purpose or to the extent of availability of items which are surplus to the needs of the United States Government.

SEC. 7. The President may from time to time promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper to carry out any of the provisions of this Act; and he may exercise any power or authority conferred upon him by this Act through such department, agency, or officer as he shall direct: *Provided*, That no property shall be transferred by such department, agency, or officer pursuant to this Act except after consultation with the Secretary of State, and the Secretaries of War and Navy as their respective interests may appear.

SEC. 8. The provisions of this Act become effective on the 4th day of July 1946 and continue in effect for a period of five years.

Approved June 26, 1946.

[CHAPTER 501]

AN ACT

To decrease the amount of obligations, issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act, which may be outstanding at any one time.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 21 of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 21. The face amount of obligations issued under authority of this Act, and the face amount of obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States (except such guaranteed obligations as may be held by the Secretary of the Treasury), shall not exceed in the aggregate \$275,000,000,000 outstanding at any one time. The current redemption value of any obligation issued on a discount basis which is redeemable prior to maturity at the option of the holder thereof shall be considered, for the purposes of this section, to be the face amount of such obligation."

SEC. 2. This Act may be cited as the "Public Debt Act of 1946".

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[Public Law 455]

Public Debt Act of
1946.
49 Stat. 21.
31 U. S. C. § 757b;
Supp. V, § 757b.

Short title.