

## [CHAPTER 776]

## AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to The Pennsylvania Railroad Company to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge across the Allegheny River at or near Warren, Pennsylvania.

August 7, 1946  
[H. R. 4190]  
[Public Law 621]

Bridge.  
Allegheny River.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge and approaches thereto for the purpose of carrying its line of railroad which runs between Erie, Pennsylvania, and Ridgway, Pennsylvania, across the Allegheny River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Warren, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

34 Stat. 84.  
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.

Right to assign, etc.

SEC. 2. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, and any corporation to which or any person to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise is hereby authorized to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved August 7, 1946.

## [CHAPTER 777]

## AN ACT

To provide for the payment of pension or other benefits withheld from persons for the period they were residing in countries occupied by the enemy forces during World War II.

August 7, 1946  
[H. R. 5148]  
[Public Law 622]

Veterans' Administration.  
Payment of benefits.

57 Stat. 555; 54 Stat. 1086; 56 Stat. 1023.  
38 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 729; 31 U. S. C. §§ 123-128; Supp. V, § 123.

57 Stat. 555.  
38 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 728.

57 Stat. 557.  
38 U. S. C., Supp. V, note foll. § 735.

Certification of amounts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That notwithstanding the provisions of section 5 of Public Law Numbered 144, Seventy-eighth Congress (the Act of July 13, 1943), or Public Law Numbered 828, Seventy-sixth Congress (Act of October 9, 1940, as amended), or Public Law Numbered 783, Seventy-seventh Congress (Act of December 2, 1942), any person who, but for such provisions, was entitled to benefits under any law administered by the Veterans' Administration, and who was not guilty of any of the offenses stated in section 4 of said Public Law Numbered 144, shall be paid out of currently available appropriations of the Veterans' Administration the full amount of any benefits not paid because of the provisions of section 5 of Public Law 144, or withheld, including the amount of any checks covered on his account into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts together with any amount to his credit in the special-deposit account pursuant to the provisions of said Public Law Numbered 828, as amended; or, in the event of the death of such person prior to receipt of the amount herein authorized, payment shall be made under the provisions, except the one-year limitation, of section 12 of said Public Law Numbered 144, if claim therefor, together with satisfactory evidence that neither the claimant nor the person deceased was guilty of any of the offenses stated in said section 4, shall have been filed with the Veterans' Administration within one year after the effective date of this Act: *Provided,* That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury the amounts of payments which, except for the provisions of this Act, would have

been made from the special deposit account, and the Secretary of the Treasury, as directed by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, shall reimburse from the special deposit account the appropriations of the Veterans' Administration, or cover into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, the amounts so certified: *Provided further*, That no payments shall be made to German or Japanese citizens or subjects residing in Germany or Japan.

Reimbursement.

German or Japanese citizens.

Approved August 7, 1946.

## [CHAPTER 778]

## AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Susquehanna River at a point between the Borough of Plymouth, in Plymouth Township, and Hanover Township, in the county of Luzerne, and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

August 7, 1946  
[H. R. 5637]  
[Public Law 623]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge, and approaches thereto, across the Susquehanna River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, between the Borough of Plymouth, in Plymouth Township and Hanover Township, in the county of Luzerne, and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906.

Bridge.  
Susquehanna River.

34 Stat. 84.  
33 U. S. C. §§ 401-498.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved August 7, 1946.

## [CHAPTER 779]

## AN ACT

For the retirement of public-school teachers in the District of Columbia.

August 7, 1946  
[H. R. 5756]  
[Public Law 624]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That beginning as the 1st day of the September following the effective date of this Act, there shall be deducted and withheld from the annual salary of every teacher in the public schools of the District of Columbia an annual amount computed to the nearest tenth of a dollar equal to 5 per centum of the teacher's annual salary. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall cause to be filed with the Board of Education on September 10 of each year a certificate showing the amount of deduction to be made from the salary of each teacher during the year, said deduction to be made in equal amounts, one to be deducted for each school month. A similar certificate shall be filed not later than the 15th day of each calendar month to cover cases of new entrants. No deduction shall be made from less than an entire month's salary. The amounts deducted and withheld from the annual salary of each teacher, including amounts so deducted and withheld prior to the effective date of this Act under the Act entitled "An Act for the retirement of public-school teachers in the District of Columbia", approved January 15, 1920 (41 Stat. 387), as amended, shall be credited to an individual account of the teacher from whose salary the deduction is made, together with interest at 4 per centum per annum, compounded annually up to the effective date of this Act and thereafter at 3 per centum per annum,

Retirement of public-school teachers, D. C. Deductions.

Filing of certificates.

Interest-bearing accounts.

D. C. Code §§ 31-701 to 31-710, 31-712 to 31-720.