

Purchase of loans.
58 Stat. 284.
38 U. S. C., Supp.
V, §§ 693-697c.
Ante, p. 239; *post*,
p. 332.

SEC. 2. To furnish a market for loans guaranteed or insured under the provisions of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized, under such terms and conditions and in such manner as it may determine, to purchase directly or through a subsidiary, loans so guaranteed or insured.

Loans, etc., to Phil-
ippines.

SEC. 3. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is hereby authorized to lend or extend credit to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines in an amount or amounts not exceeding in the aggregate \$75,000,000 at such time or times before July 1, 1947, and upon such terms and conditions as the Reconstruction Finance Corporation after consultation with the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Problems shall deem to be warranted by the financial position of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines: *Provided*, That the rate of interest to be charged in connection with any loan or extension of credit made pursuant to this section shall not be less than 2 per centum per annum.

Rate of interest.

Approved August 7, 1946.

[CHAPTER 864]

AN ACT

August 7, 1946
[S. 1477]
[Public Law 657]

To authorize relief in certain cases where work, supplies, or services have been furnished for the Government under contracts during the war.

Government con-
tracts.
Settlement of
claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That where work, supplies, or services have been furnished between September 16, 1940, and August 14, 1945, under a contract or subcontract, for any department or agency of the Government which prior to the latter date was authorized to enter into contracts and amendments or modifications of contracts under section 201 of the First War Powers Act, 1941 (50 U. S. C., Supp. IV, app., sec. 611), such departments and agencies are hereby authorized, in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the President within sixty days after the date of approval of this Act, to consider, adjust, and settle equitable claims of contractors, including subcontractors and materialmen performing work or furnishing supplies or services to the contractor or another subcontractor, for losses (not including diminution of anticipated profits) incurred between September 16, 1940, and August 14, 1945, without fault or negligence on their part in the performance of such contracts or subcontracts. Settlement of such claims shall be made or approved in each case by the head of the department or agency concerned or by a central authority therein designated by such head.

55 Stat. 839.
50 U. S. C., Supp.
V, app. § 611.

Amounts not allow-
able.

SEC. 2. (a) In arriving at a fair and equitable settlement of claims under this Act, the respective departments and agencies shall not allow any amount in excess of the amount of the net loss (less the amount of any relief granted subsequent to the establishment of such loss) on all contracts and subcontracts held by the claimant under which work, supplies, or services were furnished for the Government between September 16, 1940, and August 14, 1945, and shall consider with respect to such contracts and subcontracts (1) action taken under the Renegotiation Act (50 U. S. C., Supp. IV, app., sec. 1191), the Contract Settlement Act of 1944 (41 U. S. C., Supp. IV, sec 101-125), or similar legislation; (2) relief granted under section 201 of the First War Powers Act, 1941, or otherwise; and (3) relief proposed to be granted by any other department or agency under this Act. Wherever a department or agency considering a claim under this Act finds that losses under any such contract or subcontract affected the computation of the amount of excessive profits determined in a renegotiation

56 Stat. 245.
50 U. S. C., Supp.
V, app. § 1191.
58 Stat. 649.
41 U. S. C., Supp.
V, §§ 101-125.
Supra.

agreement or order, and to the extent that the department or agency finds such amount was thereby reduced, claims for such losses shall not be allowed under this Act.

(b) Every claimant under this Act shall furnish to the department or agency concerned any evidence within the possession of such claimant bearing upon the matters referred to in subsection (a) of this section.

SEC. 3. Claims for losses shall not be considered unless filed with the department or agency concerned within six months after the date of approval of this Act, and shall be limited to losses with respect to which a written request for relief was filed with such department or agency on or before August 14, 1945, but a previous settlement under the First War Powers Act, 1941, or the Contract Settlement Act of 1944 shall not operate to preclude further relief otherwise allowable under this Act.

SEC. 4. Appropriations or funds available for work, supplies, or services of the character involved in the respective claims at the time of settlement thereof shall be available for payment of the settlements: *Provided*, That where no such appropriations are available, appropriations for payment of such settlements are hereby authorized.

SEC. 5. Each department and agency shall report to the Congress quarterly the name of each claimant to whom relief has been granted under this Act, together with the amount of such relief and a brief statement of the facts and the administrative decision.

SEC. 6. Whenever any claimant under this Act is dissatisfied with the action of a department or agency of the Government in either granting or denying his claim, such claimant shall have the right within six months to file a petition with any Federal district court of competent jurisdiction, asking a determination by the court of the equities involved in such claim; and upon the filing of such a petition, the court, sitting as a court of equity, shall have jurisdiction to determine the amount, if any, to which such claimant and petitioner may be equitably entitled (not exceeding the amount which might have been allowed by the department or agency concerned under the terms of this Act) and to enter an order directing such department or agency to settle the claim in accordance with the finding of the court; and thereafter either party may appeal from the decision of the court as in other equity cases.

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[CHAPTER 865]

AN ACT

To provide for health programs for Government employees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of promoting and maintaining the physical and mental fitness of employees of the Federal Government, the heads of departments and agencies, including Government-owned and controlled corporations are authorized, within the limits of appropriations made available therefor, to establish by contract or otherwise, health service programs which will provide health services for employees under their respective jurisdictions: *Provided*, That such health service programs shall be established only after consultation with the Public Health Service and consideration of its recommendations, and only in localities where there are a sufficient number of Federal employees to warrant the provision of such services, and shall be limited to (1) treatments of on-the-job illness and dental conditions requiring emergency attention; (2) preemployment and other examinations; (3) referral of employees

Furnishing of evidence by claimant.

Filing of claims.

55 Stat. 838.
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. §§ 601-622.
Ante, p. 60; *post*, p. 925.
58 Stat. 649.
41 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 101-125.
Funds for payment of settlements.

Appropriations authorized.

Reports to Congress.

Petition for court determination.

Appeal.

August 8, 1946
[H. R. 2716]
[Public Law 658]

Federal employees.
Health service programs.

Consultation with PHS.

Limitations.