

of the United States, as amended (31 U. S. C. 521, 543), for the purpose of cashing checks, money orders, and similar instruments in nominal amounts for the payment of money presented by veterans hospitalized or domiciled at hospitals and homes of the Veterans' Administration, and by other persons authorized by section 3 of this Act to make purchases at canteens. Such checks, money orders, and other similar instruments may be cashed outright or may be accepted, subject to strict administrative controls, in payment for merchandise or services, and the difference between the amount of the purchase and the amount of the tendered instrument refunded in cash."

SEC. 3. Section 4 of the Act of August 7, 1946 (60 Stat. 889, 38 U. S. C. 13c), is amended to read as follows:

38 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 13c note. Appropriations authorized.

"SEC. 4. To finance the establishment, maintenance, and operation of the Service there is hereby authorized to be appropriated from time to time such amounts as are necessary to provide for (a) the acquisition of necessary furniture, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of canteens, warehouses, and storage depots; (b) stocks of merchandise and supplies for canteens and reserve stocks of same in warehouses and storage depots; (c) salaries, wages, and expenses of all employees; (d) administrative and operation expenses and premiums on fidelity bonds of employees; and (e) adequate working capital for each canteen and for the Service as a whole. Amounts heretofore or hereafter appropriated under the authority contained in this Act, as amended, and all income from canteen operations become and will be administered as a revolving fund to effectuate the provisions of this Act, as amended."

Effective date.

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall take effect on the 1st day of July 1949.

Approved May 21, 1949.

[CHAPTER 134]

AN ACT

May 23, 1949
[S. 460]
[Public Law 68]

To authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to reconvey to the Helena Chamber of Commerce certain described parcels of land situated in the city of Helena, Montana.

Chamber of Commerce, Helena, Mont.
Reconveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to reconvey by quitclaim deed to the Helena Chamber of Commerce, a corporation, two parcels of land in Helena, Montana, commonly designated as lot numbered 10 and the south 55 feet of lot numbered 9 of the Henry Thompson placer mining claim in Lewis and Clark County, Montana, which parcels were conveyed to the United States of America by the Helena Chamber of Commerce by deed dated February 7, 1947, and recorded among the land records of said county, in Book 140 of Deeds at page 63.

Approved May 23, 1949.

[CHAPTER 135]

AN ACT

May 23, 1949
[S. 461]
[Public Law 69]

To clarify the provisions of section 602 (u) of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended.

National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, amendment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 602 (u) of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended, as

added by section 9 of the Act of August 1, 1946 (60 Stat. 786; 38 U. S. C. 802 (u)), is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(u) With respect to insurance maturing on or subsequent to the date of enactment of the Insurance Act of 1946, in any case in which the beneficiary is entitled to a lump-sum settlement but elects some other mode of settlement and dies before receiving all the benefits due and payable under such mode of settlement, the present value of the remaining unpaid amount shall be payable to the estate of the beneficiary; and in any case in which no beneficiary is designated by the insured, or the designated beneficiary does not survive the insured, or a designated beneficiary not entitled to a lump-sum settlement survives the insured, and dies before receiving all the benefits due and payable, the commuted value of the remaining unpaid insurance (whether accrued or not) shall be paid in one sum to the estate of the insured: *Provided*, That in no event shall there be any payment to the estate of the insured or of the beneficiary of any sums unless it is shown that any sums paid will not escheat.”

Approved May 23, 1949.

Lump-sum settle-
ment.
60 Stat. 781.
38 U. S. C. §§ 512d,
801, 802, 807, 808, 816,
817; Supp. II, § 802.

[CHAPTER 136]

AN ACT

To protect scenic values along Oak Creek Canyon and certain tributaries thereof within the Coconino National Forest, Arizona.

May 24, 1949
[S. 812]
[Public Law 70]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter mining locations made under the mining laws of the United States within the following-described lands within the Coconino National Forest, Coconino County, Arizona: Sections 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27, 28, 29, 34, of township 19 north, range 6 east; and sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 33, and 34 of township 18 north, range 6 east; and sections 1, 2, 3, 4, southeast quarter of section 8, sections 9, 10, 11, and 12 of township 17 north, range 6 east; Gila and Salt River base and meridian, shall confer on the locator the right to occupy and use so much of the surface of the land covered by the location as may be reasonably necessary to carry on prospecting, mining, and beneficiation of ores including the taking of mineral deposits and timber required by or in the mining and ore reducing operations, and no permit shall be required or charge made for such use or occupancy: *Provided, however*, That the cutting and removal of timber, except where clearing is necessary in connection with mining operations or to provide space for buildings or structures used in connection with mining operations, shall be conducted in accordance with the rules for timber cutting on adjoining national-forest land, and no use of the surface of the claim or the resources therefrom not reasonably required for carrying on mining and prospecting shall be allowed except under the national-forest rules and regulations, nor shall the locator prevent or obstruct other occupancy of the surface or use of surface resources under authority of national forest regulations, or permits issued thereunder, if such occupancy or use is not in conflict with mineral development.

Coconino National
Forest, Ariz.

Removal of timber.

SEC. 2. That hereafter all patents issued under the United States mining laws affecting lands within the above-described area shall convey title to the mineral deposits within the claim, together with the right to cut and remove so much of the mature timber therefrom as may be needed in extracting and removing and beneficiation of the mineral deposits, if the timber is cut under sound principles of forest management as defined by the national forest rules and regulations,

Mineral deposits.