

treatment at such rates and under such regulations as may be established by the Board of Public Welfare, insofar as such admissions will not interfere with admission of indigent patients: *Provided, however,* That the rates shall not exceed the estimated per capita cost for the current year.

Approved June 14, 1950.

[CHAPTER 236]

AN ACT

To authorize the exchange of certain lands of the United States situated in Ross County, Ohio, for lands within Symmes Creek Purchase Unit in Lawrence County, Ohio, and for other purposes.

June 14, 1950  
[H. R. 5913]  
[Public Law 543]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, subject to approval by the National Forest Reservation Commission as established by section 4 of the Act of March 1, 1911 (36 Stat. 961), the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to exchange a parcel of land located in parts of sections 26 and 31 in township 8 north, range 21 west, Ohio River Survey, Ross County, Ohio, consisting of eighty-four one-hundredths acre of land, together with improvements located thereon, for lands of at least equal value situated within the exterior boundaries of the Symmes Creek Purchase Unit, within Lawrence County, State of Ohio: *Provided,* That any lands conveyed to the United States under the provisions of this Act shall be subject to all of the laws and rules and regulations applicable to lands acquired under the afore-mentioned Act of March 1, 1911, as amended.

36 Stat. 962.  
16 U. S. C. § 513.  
Post, p. 372.

Approved June 14, 1950.

[CHAPTER 237]

AN ACT

Providing procedure for claimants of mining claims in the United States obtaining credit for assessment work performed during the year ending July 1, 1949, under the provisions of Public Law 107, Eighty-first Congress.

June 14, 1950  
[H. R. 6406]  
[Public Law 544]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That every claimant of a mining claim in the United States who wishes to obtain the benefits conferred by the second proviso to the first section of the Act of June 17, 1949 (Public Law 107, Eighty-first Congress), may file, or cause to be filed, in the office where the location notice or certificate is recorded, on or before 12 o'clock meridian on the 1st day of July 1950, a statement of the labor performed or improvements made on any such mining claim during the year ending July 1, 1949, or such statement may be included as part of the annual notice of the performance of assessment work for the year ending at 12 o'clock meridian on the 1st day of July 1950.

Mining claims.

63 Stat. 201.  
30 U. S. C., Sup. III.  
§ 28a note.  
Post, p. 275.

Approved June 14, 1950.

[CHAPTER 238]

AN ACT

To correct a clerical error in section 2 of the Act of January 16, 1883, an Act to regulate and improve the civil service of the United States, as amended by Public Law 425, Eighty-first Congress.

June 14, 1950  
[H. R. 6552]  
[Public Law 545]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the second sentence of the third paragraph of the second clause of section 2 of

22 Stat. 403; 63 Stat. 950.  
5 U. S. C., Sup. III, § 633 (2) (3).

the Act of January 16, 1883, entitled "An Act to regulate and improve the civil service of the United States", as amended, is hereby amended by striking out the words "legal voting residence" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "legal or voting residence".

Approved June 14, 1950.

[CHAPTER 239]

AN ACT

June 14, 1950  
[H. R. 6632]  
[Public Law 549]

To extend the authority of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to establish and continue offices in the Republic of the Philippines.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act of June 14, 1947, as amended (38 U. S. C. 693a note), is hereby amended to read as follows:

61 Stat. 132.  
38 U. S. C., Sup. III, § 693a note.

"That the authority in section 7 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924 (43 Stat. 609; 38 U. S. C. 430), and section 101 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 284; 38 U. S. C. 693a), to establish and continue regional offices, suboffices, contact units, or other subordinate offices may continue to be exercised by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs with respect to territory of the Republic of the Philippines on and after the date of its independence if he deems such offices necessary, but in no event after June 30, 1954."

Approved June 14, 1950.

[CHAPTER 240]

AN ACT

June 14, 1950  
[H. R. 7866]  
[Public Law 547]

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, so as to provide an order of precedence for lump sum death payments, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 12 (e) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Civil Service Retirement Act, amendment.  
46 Stat. 477.  
5 U. S. C., Sup. III, § 724 (e).

"(e) In any case in which—

"(1) an officer or employee to whom this Act applies shall die before having rendered five years of civilian service computed as prescribed in section 5, or after having rendered five years of civilian service but without a survivor or survivors entitled to annuity benefits provided by subsection (c); or

"(2) the right of all persons entitled to annuity under subsection (c) based on the service of such officer or employee shall terminate before a valid claim therefor shall have been established, the total amount credited to the individual account of such officer or employee with interest at 4 per centum per annum to December 31, 1947, and 3 per centum per annum thereafter, compounded on December 31 of each year, to the date of death of such officer or employee, shall be paid, upon the establishment of a valid claim therefor, to the person or persons surviving at the date title to the payment arises, in the following order of precedence, and such payment shall be a bar to recovery by any other person:

"First, to the beneficiary or beneficiaries as the officer or employee may have designated by a writing received in the Civil Service Commission prior to death;

"Second, if there be no such beneficiary, to the widow or widower of such officer or employee;

"Third, if none of the above, to the child or children of such officer or employee and descendants of deceased children by representation;