

[CHAPTER 89]

AN ACT

April 17, 1950

[S. 2559]

[Public Law 473]

To authorize the extension of officers' retirement benefits to certain persons who while serving as enlisted men in the Army of the United States during World War II were given battlefield promotions to officer grade and were incapacitated for active service as a result of enemy action.

Officers' retirement
benefits.
Battlefield promo-
tions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who while serving on active duty as an enlisted man in the Army of the United States at any time during the period between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945—

(1) was appointed or recommended by his commanding officer or superior military authority for a battlefield appointment as a commissioned officer in the Army of the United States;

(2) while performing the duties of a commissioned officer, was injured in line of duty incident to combat with the enemy;

and who, subsequent to being so injured as a result of that appointment or recommendation was ordered to active duty as a commissioned officer in the Army of the United States, or the Air Force of the United States, shall be considered to have been serving on active duty as a commissioned officer when so injured, for the purpose of determining entitlement to physical disability retirement benefits in effect at the time he was relieved from active duty: *Provided*, That the provisions of section 411 of the Career Compensation Act of 1949 (Public Law 351, Eighty-first Congress) shall apply to persons qualified for retirement benefits under this Act: *Provided further*, That nothing contained in this Act shall preclude persons entitled to retirement benefits under the provisions of this Act from computing their retirement pay in accordance with the disability retirement laws in effect prior to the effective date of the Career Compensation Act of 1949.

SEC. 2. No additional or back pay or allowances for any period prior to the date of enactment hereof shall accrue to any person solely by reason of the enactment of this Act.

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[CHAPTER 92]

AN ACT

April 19, 1950

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[Public Law 474]

To promote the rehabilitation of the Navajo and Hopi Tribes of Indians and a better utilization of the resources of the Navajo and Hopi Indian Reservations, and for other purposes.

Navajo and Hopi
Tribes.
Rehabilitation, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to further the purposes of existing treaties with the Navajo Indians, to provide facilities, employment, and services essential in combating hunger, disease, poverty, and demoralization among the members of the Navajo and Hopi Tribes, to make available the resources of their reservations for use in promoting a self-supporting economy and self-reliant communities, and to lay a stable foundation on which these Indians can engage in diversified economic activities and ultimately attain standards of living comparable with those enjoyed by other citizens, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to undertake, within the limits of the funds from time to time appropriated pursuant to this Act, a program of basic improvements for the conservation and development of the resources of the Navajo and Hopi Indians, the more productive employment of their manpower, and the supplying of means to be used in their rehabilitation, whether on or off the Navajo and Hopi Indian Reservations. Such program shall include the following projects for which capital expenditures in the amount shown after each project listed in the

Appropriations au-
thorized.

63 Stat. 823.
37 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 281.

63 Stat. 802.
37 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 231 note.
Post, pp. 158, 794-
796.