

such amounts as the Secretary determines to be necessary for the proper and efficient administration of its public employment offices.”

SEC. 3. Sections 6 and 7 of the Act are hereby repealed.

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48 Stat. 115.
29 U. S. C. §§ 49e,
49f.

[CHAPTER 936]

AN ACT

To provide for the dissemination of technological, scientific, and engineering information to American business and industry, and for other purposes.

September 9, 1950
[S. 868]
[Public Law 776]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the purpose of this Act is to make the results of technological research and development more readily available to industry and business, and to the general public, by clarifying and defining the functions and responsibilities of the Department of Commerce as a central clearinghouse for technical information which is useful to American industry and business.

Technical information.
Responsibilities of Department of Commerce as clearinghouse.

CLEARINGHOUSE FOR TECHNICAL INFORMATION

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) is hereby directed to establish and maintain within the Department of Commerce a clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination of scientific, technical, and engineering information, and to this end to take such steps as he may deem necessary and desirable—

(a) To search for, collect, classify, coordinate, integrate, record, and catalog such information from whatever sources, foreign and domestic, that may be available;

(b) To make such information available to industry and business, to State and local governments, to other agencies of the Federal Government, and to the general public, through the preparation of abstracts, digests, translations, bibliographies, indexes, and microfilm and other reproductions, for distribution either directly or by utilization of business, trade, technical, and scientific publications and services;

(c) To effect, within the limits of his authority as now or hereafter defined by law, and with the consent of competent authority, the removal of restrictions on the dissemination of scientific and technical data in cases where consideration of national security permit the release of such data for the benefit of industry and business.

Removal of restrictions.

RULES, REGULATIONS, FEES

SEC. 3. The Secretary is authorized to make, amend, and rescind such orders, rules, and regulations as he may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, and to establish, from time to time, a schedule or schedules of reasonable fees or charges for services performed or for documents or other publications furnished under this Act: *Provided*, That all moneys hereafter received by the Secretary in payment for publications under this Act shall be deposited in a special account in the Treasury, such account to be available, subject to authorization in any appropriation Act, for reimbursing any appropriation then current and chargeable for the cost of furnishing copies or reproductions as herein authorized, and for making refunds to organizations and individuals when entitled thereto: *And provided further*, That an appropriation reimbursed by this special account shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law, be available for the purposes of the original appropriation.

Special account.

Services and functions to be self-sustaining, etc.

It is the policy of this Act, to the fullest extent feasible and consistent with the objectives of this Act, that each of the services and functions provided herein shall be self-sustaining or self-liquidating and that the general public shall not bear the cost of publications and other services which are for the special use and benefit of private groups and individuals; but nothing herein shall be construed to require the levying of fees or charges for services performed or publications furnished to any agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government, or for publications which are distributed pursuant to reciprocal arrangements for the exchange of information or which are otherwise issued primarily for the general benefit of the public.

REFERENCE OF DATA TO ARMED SERVICES

SEC. 4. The Secretary is directed to refer to the armed services all scientific or technical information, coming to his attention, which he deems to have an immediate or potential practical military value or significance, and to refer to the heads of other Government agencies such scientific or technical information as relates to activities within the primary responsibility of such agencies.

GENERAL STANDARDS AND LIMITATIONS

SEC. 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Secretary shall respect and preserve the security classification of any scientific or technical information, data, patents, inventions, or discoveries in, or coming into, the possession or control of the Department of Commerce, the classified status of which the President or his designee or designees certify as being essential in the interest of national defense, and nothing in this Act shall be construed as modifying or limiting any other statute relating to the classification of information for reasons of national defense or security.

UTILIZATION OF EXISTING FACILITIES

SEC. 6. (a) The Secretary may utilize any personnel, facilities, bureaus, agencies, boards, administrations, offices, or other instrumentalities of the Department of Commerce which he may require to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(b) The Secretary is hereby authorized to call upon other departments and independent establishments and agencies of the Government to provide, with their consent, such available services, facilities, or other cooperation as he shall deem necessary or helpful in carrying out the provisions of this Act, and he is directed to utilize existing facilities to the full extent deemed feasible.

RELATION TO OTHER ACTS

SEC. 7. Nothing herein shall be construed to repeal or amend any other legislation pertaining to the Department of Commerce or its component offices or bureaus.

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[CHAPTER 937]

AN ACT

To amend title 28 of the United States Code relating to fees of United States marshals.

September 9, 1950
[S. 1838]
[Public Law 777]

62 Stat. 955.
28 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 1921.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last paragraph of section 1921 of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows: