

technical, and public schools and universities, and other recognized educational institutions, upon application in writing, such surplus material, supplies, and equipment acquired for the purpose of vocational training as are suitable for their use which are now owned by the United States of America and under control of the United States Veterans' Bureau and are not needed for Government purposes.

Adjusted service credits.

Payment of.
Ante, pp. 125, 128.
Pay to dependents.

Ante, pp. 128, 129.

Adjusted service certificate fund.

Annual credit.
Ante, p. 128.

Adjusted service and dependent pay: For payment of adjusted service credits of not more than \$50 each, as provided in sections 401 and 601 of the "World War adjusted compensation Act" of May 19, 1924, and for payment to dependents of deceased veterans the quarterly installments due on adjusted service credits in excess of \$50 each, as provided in sections 601 and 603 of said Act, \$12,000,000, to remain available until expended.

Adjusted service certificate fund: For an amount necessary under section 505 of the "World War adjusted compensation Act" of May 19, 1924, to provide for the payment of the face value of each adjusted service certificate in twenty years from its date or on the prior death of the veteran, \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended.

For military and naval insurance, \$98,000,000.

Military and naval insurance.

Restriction on exceeding average salaries.
Vol. 42, p. 1488.

If only one position in a grade.

Restriction not applicable to clerical-mechanical service.

No fixed salary reduced.
Vol. 42, p. 1490.

Transfers to another position without reduction.

Higher salary rates allowed.

SEC. 2. In expending appropriations or portions of appropriations, contained in this Act, for the payment for personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with "The Classification Act of 1923," the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade in the same or a different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit, or (4) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by "The Classification Act of 1923," and is specifically authorized by other law.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

March 3, 1925.
[H. R. 11633.]
[Public, No. 587.]

CHAP. 469.—An Act To authorize an appropriation to provide additional hospital and out-patient dispensary facilities for persons entitled to hospitalization under the World War Veterans' Act, 1924.

Hospitals, etc., for Veterans' Bureau beneficiaries.
Additional facilities to be provided, by purchase of plants, new construction, etc.

Equipment, facilities, etc., included.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to provide sufficient hospital and out-patient dispensary facilities to enable the United States Veterans' Bureau to care for its beneficiaries in Veterans' Bureau hospitals rather than in contract temporary facilities and other institutions, the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, subject to the approval of the President, is hereby authorized to provide additional hospital and out-patient dispensary facilities for persons entitled to hospitalization under the World War Veterans Act, 1924, by purchase, replacement, and remodeling or extension of existing plants, and by construction on sites now owned by the Government or on sites to be acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift, or otherwise, such hospitals and out-patient dispensary facilities, to include the necessary buildings and auxiliary

structures, mechanical equipment, approach work, roads and trackage facilities leading thereto; vehicles, live stock, furniture, equipment, and accessories, and also to provide accommodations for officers, nurses, and attending personnel; and also to provide proper and suitable recreational centers, and the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau is authorized to accept gifts or donations for any of the purposes named herein. Such hospital plants to be constructed shall be of fireproof construction and existing plants purchased shall be remodeled to be fireproof, and the location and nature thereof, whether for the treatment of tuberculosis, neuropsychiatric, or general medical and surgical cases, shall be in the discretion of the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, subject to the approval of the President: *Provided, however,* That the director, with the approval of the President, may utilize such suitable buildings, structures, and grounds, now owned by the United States, as may be available for the purposes aforesaid, and the President is hereby authorized by Executive order to transfer any such buildings, structures, and grounds to the control and jurisdiction of the United States Veterans' Bureau upon the request of the director thereof.

Accommodations for personnel, recreational centers, etc.

Acceptance of donations.

Construction requirements, etc.

Proviso.
Utilization of Government-owned buildings, etc.

SEC. 2. The construction of new hospitals or dispensaries, or the replacement, extension, alteration, remodeling, or repair of all hospitals or dispensaries heretofore or hereafter constructed shall be done in such manner as the President may determine, and he is authorized to require the architectural, engineering, constructing, or other forces of any of the departments of the Government to do or assist in such work, and to employ individuals and agencies not now connected with the Government, if in his opinion desirable, at such compensation as he may consider reasonable.

Technical, etc., services for construction purposes authorized.

SEC. 3. For carrying into effect the preceding paragraphs relating to additional hospitals and out-patient dispensary facilities there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,000,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended. That not to exceed 3 per centum of this sum shall be available for the employment in the District of Columbia and in the field of necessary technical and clerical assistants at the customary rates of compensation, exclusively to aid in the preparation of the plans and specifications for the projects authorized herein and for the supervision of the execution thereof, and for traveling expenses, field-office equipment and supplies in connection therewith.

Amount authorized to be appropriated.
Ante, p. 389.

Allowance for technical assistance, supplies, etc.

SEC. 4. Upon completion of the hospital program provided for in this Act no contract or other hospital or institution other than those hospitals and institutions under the jurisdiction and control of the United States Veterans' Bureau or those governmental hospitals or institutions specified in section 10 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, shall be used, except where due to the nature of a claimant's disease or disability it would endanger his life to remove him from such hospital to a Veterans' Bureau hospital, or in the event of extreme emergency in the discretion of the director.

Upon completion of program no other than specified hospitals to be used.
Ante, p. 610.

Exceptional cases.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 470.—An Act Granting certain public lands to the city of Phoenix, Arizona, for municipal park and other purposes.

March 3, 1925.
[H. R. 11644.]
[Public, No. 588.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That lots 1 and 2, northeast quarter northwest quarter, and northwest quarter northeast quarter, section 7, township 1 south, range 4 east, Gila and

Public lands.
Granted Phoenix, Ariz., for municipal park, etc.
Description.