

sonal services in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That out of this appropriation the Postmaster General is authorized to use as much of the sum, not exceeding \$15,000, as may be deemed necessary for the purchase of material and the manufacture in the equipment shops of such small quantities of distinctive equipments as may be required by other executive departments; and for service in Alaska, Porto Rico, Philippine Islands, Hawaii, or other island possessions.

*Proviso.*  
Distinctive equip-  
ment, for departments,  
Alaska, and island pos-  
sessions.

For inland transportation by star routes (excepting service in Alaska), including temporary service to newly established offices, and not to exceed \$200,000 for Government-operated star-route service, \$14,500,000.

Star routes, except  
Alaska.

For pay of rural carriers, auxiliary carriers, substitutes for rural carriers on annual and sick leave, clerks in charge of rural stations, and tolls and ferrriage, Rural Delivery Service, and for the incidental expenses thereof, \$107,000,000.

Rural Delivery Serv-  
ice.

For travel and miscellaneous expenses in the Postal Service, office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, \$1,000.

Travel, etc.

If the revenues of the Post Office Department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations made under Title II of this Act, a sum equal to such deficiency in the revenues of such department is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply such deficiency in the revenues of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930, and the sum needed may be advanced to the Post Office Department upon requisition of the Postmaster General.

Appropriations from  
the Treasury for field  
service to supply defi-  
ciencies.

SEC. 2. Appropriations for the fiscal year 1930 available for expenses of travel of civilian officers and employees of the executive departments and establishments shall be available also for expenses of travel performed by them on transfer from one official station to another when authorized by the head of the department or establishment concerned in the order directing such transfer: *Provided*, That such expenses shall not be allowed for any transfer effected for the convenience of any officer or employee.

Travel expenses of  
civilians, authorized  
when transferred from  
official stations.

SEC. 3. Expenditures from appropriations made herein for the maintenance, upkeep, and repair, exclusive of garage rent, pay of operator, fuel and lubricants, on any one passenger-carrying vehicle used by the Treasury or Post Office Departments shall not exceed one-third of the market price of a new vehicle of the same make or class and in any case more than \$500.

Limit on motor ve-  
hicle expenditures.

Approved, December 20, 1928.

CHAP. 40.—An Act Amending the fraternal beneficial association law for the District of Columbia as to payment of death benefits.

December 20, 1928.  
[S. 3844.]  
[Public No. 640.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 749 of Subchapter XII of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

District of Columbia  
Code.

“SEC. 749. FRATERNAL BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATIONS DEFINED.—A fraternal beneficial association is hereby declared to be a corporation, society, order, or voluntary association, formed or organized and carried on for the sole benefit of its members and their beneficiaries, and not for profit, having a lodge system with ritualistic form of work and representative form of government, making provision for the payment of benefits in case of death. Each such association may make provision for the payment of benefits in case of sickness, temporary or permanent physical disability, either as a result of disease, accident, or old age: *Provided*, That the period in life at which physical disability benefits on account of old age commences shall

Fraternal beneficial  
associations.  
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amended.  
Description.

Disability benefits.

*Provisos.*  
Age limit.

not be under seventy years, or the age of expectancy from the time of entering, subject to their compliance with its laws. Any such association may create and maintain a reserve, emergency, or benefit fund in accordance with its laws. Any such association having a reserve, emergency, or benefit fund may, in addition to the benefits hereinbefore named, pay withdrawal benefits, not exceeding the contributions of such member, to a member unable or unwilling to continue membership, provided such membership shall continue not less than three successive years. Such association may also, after ten years of membership, apply its funds and accumulations as its laws provide or the association and members agree. The fund from which the payments of such benefits shall be made and the fund from which the expenses of such association shall be defrayed shall be derived from assessments, dues, and other payments collected from its members or otherwise. The payment of death benefits shall be to the families, heirs, blood relatives, affianced husband, affianced wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepchildren, stepbrother, stepsister, children or parents by legal adoption, member's estate, a charitable, benevolent, educational, or eleemosynary institution, or to persons dependent upon the member or upon whom the member is dependent. Such association shall be governed by this subchapter, and shall be exempt from the provisions of insurance laws of the United States relating to the District of Columbia, and no law hereafter passed shall apply to them unless they be expressly designated therein: *Provided, however,* That the fact that any such association has outstanding agreements with its members for the payment of benefits other than those hereinbefore specified, if it is making no new contracts of that character and is retiring those already existing, shall not exclude such association from the operation of this subchapter."

Funds authorized.

Beneficiaries of death benefits extended.

Exemption from insurance laws.

Outstanding agreements not excluded.

Inconsistent laws repealed.

SEC. 2. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, December 20, 1928.

December 20, 1928.  
[S. 4127.]  
[Public, No. 641.]

**CHAP. 41.**—An Act To provide for the appointment of an additional justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia. Additional justice of Supreme Court, to be appointed.

Assignment of a judge for duty in condemnation of land cases.

Temporary substitution.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint an additional justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, who shall have the same tenure of office, pay and emoluments, powers, and duties as the present justices of that court. It shall be a duty of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, to appoint from time to time, and for such period or periods as he may determine, one of the judges of the said Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to hear cases involving the condemnation of land in the District of Columbia, and it shall be the primary duty of such judge so appointed to preside at the hearing of such cases involving the condemnation of land in the District of Columbia, and that only when not engaged in such cases shall he be subject to assignment to the other business of the court. The Chief Justice may assign for service in condemnation cases any justice of said court in case of disability of the justice so serving or for any other reason.

Approved, December 20, 1928.