

[CHAPTER 638.]

AN ACT

To authorize the Postmaster General to contract for air-mail service in Alaska.

August 24, 1935.
[H. R. 5159.]
[Public, No. 317.]

Postal service.
Vol. 43, p. 960; U. S.
C., p. 1744.

Alaska.
Emergency mail
service.

Air mail, for all
classes, authorized.

Appropriation avail-
able.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of February 21, 1925 (43 Stat. 960; 39 U. S. C. 488), is amended to read as follows:

"The Postmaster General may provide difficult or emergency mail service in Alaska, at a total annual cost of not exceeding \$25,000, including the establishment and equipment of relay stations, in such manner as he may think advisable, without advertising therefor; and he is authorized, in his discretion, to contract, after advertisement in accordance with law, for the carriage of all classes of mail within the Territory of Alaska, by airplane, payment therefor to be made from the appropriation for star-route service in Alaska."

Approved, August 24, 1935.

[CHAPTER 639.]

AN ACT

To provide aid for needy blind persons of the District of Columbia and authorizing appropriations therefor.

August 24, 1935.
[H. R. 5711.]
[Public, No. 318.]

District of Columbia.
Care of needy blind,
authorized.

Qualifications.

Powers of Commis-
sioners.

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"Needy blind per-
son" defined.

Age and residence re-
quirements.

Provisos.
When blindness
originating while not a
resident.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia (hereinafter called the "Board") is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this Act for the purpose of maintaining, supporting, and caring for needy blind persons who are residents of the said District of Columbia, citizens of the United States, and not inmates of any institution supported in whole or in part by the Federal or District Governments, and said Board shall have the power to make and enforce all proper rules and regulations therefor, including the definitions of "blindness" and of "needy individuals" and the power to make and require any reports required by the Federal Social Security Board or otherwise authorized or required by law. The said Board may entrust the carrying out of the provisions of this Act, or any of them, to any agency of the Government of the District of Columbia which said Board may designate.

SEC. 2. As used in this Act, the term "needy blind person" shall be construed to mean any person who by reason of the loss or impairment of eyesight is of such condition that he cannot be rehabilitated for self-support through the facilities offered by the Vocational Rehabilitation Service for the District of Columbia, United States Office of Education, and who is unable to provide himself with the necessities of life and who has not sufficient means of his own to maintain himself and who is otherwise qualified as further set forth in this Act, and nothing in this Act shall prevent any blind person in sound mental and physical condition who is an inmate of an institution for the care of the indigent from applying for the benefits under this Act on the condition that they leave such institution upon the granting of such relief.

SEC. 3. In order that any person who shall have become blind while a resident of the District of Columbia may be entitled to aid under the provisions of this Act such person must be at least sixteen years of age and a resident of the District of Columbia for one year next preceding his application for aid hereunder: *Provided*, That in order that any person whose blindness originated while he was not a resident