

prescribe, the lands released from reservation by section 1 of this Act and the public lands in townships 17 and 18 north, ranges 1 and 2 east; sections 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, township 17 north, range 1 west; sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, township 16 north, range 1 west; sections 1, 2, 11, and 12, township 16 north, range 2 west, Seward meridian, Alaska: *Provided, however,* That all patents and leases issued under the provisions of this Act shall contain a reservation to the United States of the oil, gas, and other mineral deposits, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe. The provisions of this section are subject to valid existing rights.

Approved, October 17, 1940.

*Proviso.*  
Reservation of mineral rights.

[CHAPTER 890]

AN ACT

October 17, 1940  
[H. R. 7252]

[Public, No. 863]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to sell or lease for park or recreational purposes, and to sell for cemetery purposes, certain public lands in Alaska.

Alaska.  
Sale or lease of certain lands for park, etc., purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to appraise and sell, or to lease, to any incorporated city or town in Alaska, for park or recreational purposes, not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres of vacant and unreserved public lands in the Territory, which, in his opinion, are reasonably accessible to such city or town, and to appraise and sell to any such city or town, for cemetery purposes, not to exceed eighty acres of such land: *Provided,* That each patent issued under the provisions of this Act shall contain a reservation to the United States of the coal and other mineral deposits in the land conveyed, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same, under rules and regulations issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

For cemetery purposes.

*Proviso.*  
Reservation of mineral rights.

Inapplicability of designated Act.  
43 U. S. C. § 729.

SEC. 2. From and after the date of enactment of this Act, the Act of September 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 502), shall not apply to the Territory of Alaska.

Approved, October 17, 1940.

[CHAPTER 891]

AN ACT

October 17, 1940  
[H. R. 8613]

[Public, No. 864]

To amend the Act to provide for the retirement of disabled nurses of the Army and the Navy.

Disabled nurses of Army and Navy.  
10 U. S. C. § 937.

*Proviso.*  
Retirement.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Public Law Numbered 401 (71st Cong.) (46 Stat. 790), dated June 20, 1930, be amended by adding thereto the following proviso: *Provided,* That any person who served as a member of the Army Nurse Corps or of the Navy Nurse Corps during the World War and continuously thereafter until May 13, 1926, and who was, prior to June 20, 1930, separated from said corps by reason of physical disability incurred in line of duty, shall, upon her application therefor, be entitled to be placed upon the retired list of the Nurse Corps of which she was a member, as provided in this Act, her retired pay hereunder becoming effective on the date of receipt by the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy, as the case may be, of such application or the date of enactment of this amendment whichever is the later.

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