

pose of securing such order or decree as will enable said board to continue such proceedings looking toward condemnation, and such court is hereby authorized to make such decrees and orders in such pending suit as may be necessary for that purpose."

34 Stat. 160.
D. C. Code § 5-614.

Penalties.

SEC. 6. Section 14 of said Act, as amended, is hereby repealed.

20 Stat. 131.
D. C. Code § 1-228.

24 Stat. 368.
D. C. Code §§ 1-224,
1-225.

27 Stat. 394.
D. C. Code § 1-226.

SEC. 7. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to prescribe reasonable penalties of fine not to exceed \$300 or imprisonments not to exceed ten days, in lieu of or in addition to any fine, for the violation of any building regulation promulgated under authority of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the District to make and enforce regulations relative to the sale of coal, and also building regulations", approved June 14, 1878, and any regulation promulgated under authority of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make police regulations for the government of said District", approved January 26, 1887, and any regulation promulgated under authority of section 2 of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to regulate licenses to proprietors of theaters in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved February 26, 1892.

Approved, December 17, 1942.

[CHAPTER 763]

AN ACT

December 17, 1942
[S. 2852]
[Public Law 811]

To authorize the President to confer decorations and medals upon units of, or persons serving with, the military forces of cobelligerent nations.

Military decorations for cobelligerents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, For the duration of the present war and six months thereafter the President is authorized, under regulations to be prescribed by him, to confer such decorations and medals as may be authorized in the military service of the United States upon units of, or upon any person serving in any capacity with, the military forces of the countries now, or which may hereafter be, engaged with the United States in the present war.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, December 17, 1942.

[CHAPTER 764]

AN ACT

December 18, 1942
[S. 357]
[Public Law 812]

To provide for the establishment and operation of a research laboratory in the Pennsylvania anthracite region for investigation of the mining, preparation and utilization of the mining, preparation and utilization of anthracite, for the development of new uses and markets, for improvement of health and safety in mining; and for a comprehensive study of the region to aid in the solution of its economic problems and to make its natural and human resources of maximum usefulness in the war effort.

Research laboratory in Pennsylvania anthracite region.

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, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, is authorized and directed to establish, equip, and maintain a research laboratory in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania to conduct researches and investigations on the mining, preparation, and utilization of anthracite coal and to develop new scientific, chemical, and