

SEC. 4. This Act shall be effective from the date of its approval. Sections 2 and 3, inclusive, shall be applicable to claims filed or adjudicated thereafter and the beginning date of awards shall be as provided in applicable statute or regulations: *Provided*, That no claim heretofore disallowed by reason of misconduct or line of duty requirement shall be revived but benefits may be payable on the basis of a new claim filed hereafter in such form as may be prescribed by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

Effective date.

Disallowed claims.

Approved September 27, 1944.

[CHAPTER 427]

AN ACT

Authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the city of Duluth, Minnesota.

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[Public Law 440]

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 is authorized and directed to convey to the city of Duluth, Minnesota, the following-described land, now a part of the fisheries station in said city: Beginning at a point on the east line of Sixtieth Avenue East in the city of Duluth, State of Minnesota, said point lying forty-three and four one-hundredths feet in a northerly direction from a point at the intersection of the center line of London Road, extended with the said east line of Sixtieth Avenue East; thence extending in an easterly direction at an angle of sixty-six degrees and fifteen minutes to the left of said east line of Sixtieth Avenue East a distance of sixty-one and fifty-seven one-hundredths feet to a point of curve; thence continuing on a curve to the left whose radius is one thousand three hundred and forty-five and seven-tenths feet a distance of three hundred and sixty-four and eighteen one-hundredths feet, to the center line of Lester River as now located; thence in a southeasterly direction along the center line of said Lester River a distance of one hundred and thirty-two and thirty-six one-hundredths feet to a point; thence westerly parallel to the curve above described and distant therefrom one hundred and twenty feet, a distance of one hundred and seventy-eight and twenty one-hundredths feet to a point; thence northerly on a radial line a distance of eight and five-tenths feet to a point; thence westerly parallel to the curve first above described and distant therefrom one hundred and eleven and five-tenths feet a distance of two hundred and seventy-eight and ten one-hundredths feet to a point of tangency; thence westerly on a tangent line a distance of twelve and fifty-one one-hundredths feet to a point on the east line of Sixtieth Avenue East; thence northerly on said east line of Sixtieth Avenue East a distance of one hundred and twenty-one and eighty-two one-hundredths feet to a point of beginning and there terminating, containing an area of one and one-hundred-and-seventy-six one-thousandths acres; said land being located in sections 5 and 8, township 50 north, range 13 west, of the fourth principal meridian. The said conveyance to the city of Duluth shall be made subject to the conditions that the land be used for the construction of and maintenance of a public highway free of any expense to the United States, that the highway be constructed and maintained so as not to interfere with the operations of and access to the fish hatchery station, and that in the event of the discontinuance by the city of Duluth of the use of the above-described property as a public highway, or upon failure to maintain the same in accordance with the conditions of the deed, title to said land shall revert to the United States.

Duluth, Minn.
Conveyance of land.

Use of land for public highway.

Reversionary provision.

23 U. S. C. § 1; Supp. III, § 2 et seq.

SEC. 2. Nothing herein contained shall affect the applicability of the Federal Highway Act, approved November 9, 1921 (42 Stat. 212), as amended, to the public highway to be constructed on the land authorized to be conveyed hereunder.

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[CHAPTER 428]

AN ACT

September 27, 1944
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[Public Law 441]

To amend the Naval Reserve Act of 1938, as amended, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941, as amended, so as to permit service of members of the Women's Reserve in the American area, the Territories of Hawaii and Alaska, and for other purposes.

Women's Reserve of the Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 504 of Title V—Women's Reserve, of the Naval Reserve Act of 1938, added by the Act entitled "An Act to expedite the war effort by releasing officers and men for duty at sea and their replacement by women in the shore establishment of the Navy, and for other purposes", approved July 30, 1942 (56 Stat. 730; U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. III, title 34, sec. 857c), is amended to read as follows:

Service restrictions; duty outside continental U. S.

"SEC. 504. Members of the Women's Reserve shall not be assigned to duty on board vessels of the Navy or in aircraft while such aircraft are engaged in combat missions and shall not be assigned to duty outside the American area and the Territories of Hawaii and Alaska, and may be assigned to duty outside the continental United States only upon their prior request."

Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard.

SEC. 2. Section 404 of Title IV—Women's Reserve, of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941, as added by the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941; as amended, so as to expedite the war effort by providing for releasing officers and men for duty at sea, and their replacement by women in the shore establishment of the Coast Guard, and for other purposes", approved November 23, 1942 (56 Stat. 1020; U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. III, title 14, sec. 384), is amended to read as follows:

Service restrictions; duty outside continental U. S.

"SEC. 404. Members of the Women's Reserve shall not be assigned to duty on board vessels of the Navy or Coast Guard or in aircraft while such aircraft are engaged in combat missions and shall not be assigned to duty outside the American area and the Territories of Hawaii and Alaska, and may be assigned to duty outside the continental United States only upon their prior request."

"American area."

SEC. 3. As used in this Act the term "American area" means the area geographically defined as follows:

"East boundary: From the North Pole, south along the seventy-fifth meridian west longitude to the seventy-seventh parallel north latitude, thence southeast through Davis Strait to the intersection of the fortieth parallel north latitude and the thirty-fifth meridian west longitude, thence south along that meridian to the tenth parallel north latitude, thence southeast to the intersection of the equator and the twentieth meridian west longitude, thence along the twentieth meridian west longitude to the South Pole.

"West boundary: From the North Pole, south along the one hundred and forty-first meridian west longitude to the east boundary of Alaska, thence south and southeast along the Alaskan boundary to the Pacific Ocean, thence south along the one hundred and thirtieth meridian to its intersection with the thirtieth parallel north latitude, thence southeast to the intersection of the equator and the one hundredth meridian west longitude, thence south along the one hundredth meridian west longitude to the South Pole."

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