

Revised Schedule for Rating Disabilities, 1945.

SEC. 2. Nothing in the revised Schedule for Rating Disabilities, 1945, shall be construed as requiring any reduction or discontinuance of compensation in cases rated and awarded under the Schedule of Disability Ratings, 1925, or as requiring denial of entitlement to any statutory award or rating, but on and after the first day of April 1946, except as to statutory awards and ratings provided under the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, as restored with limitations by the Act of March 28, 1934, Public Law 141, Seventy-third Congress, as amended, awards in all cases shall be based upon the degree of disability determined in accordance with the revised schedule, 1945.

Basis of awards.

SEC. 3. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs shall from time to time readjust the Schedule for Rating Disabilities, 1945, in accordance with experience.

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43 Stat. 607; 48 Stat. 509.  
38 U. S. C. § 421; Supp. V, § 434 et seq. Post, pp. 526, 739.

[CHAPTER 506]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Iowa or the Iowa State Highway Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Des Moines River at or near Farmington, Iowa.

June 27, 1946  
[S. 1834]

[Public Law 459]

Bridge.  
Des Moines River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the State of Iowa or Iowa State Highway Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Des Moines River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Farmington, Iowa, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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34 Stat. 84.  
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.

[CHAPTER 507]

AN ACT

To create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia.

June 27, 1946  
[H. R. 6265]

[Public Law 460]

Department of Corrections, D. C.  
Director.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby created in and for the District of Columbia a Department of Corrections to be in charge of a Director who shall be appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Duties.

SEC. 2. Said Department of Corrections under the general direction and supervision of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall have charge of the management and regulation of the Workhouse at Occoquan in the State of Virginia, the Reformatory at Lorton in the State of Virginia, and the Washington Asylum and Jail, and be responsible for the safekeeping, care, protection, instruction, and discipline of all persons committed to such institutions. The Department of Corrections with the approval of the Commissioners shall have power to promulgate rules and regulations for the government of such institutions and to establish and conduct industries, farms, and other activities, to classify the inmates, and to provide for their proper treatment, care, rehabilitation, and reformation.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 3. With respect to the said institutions, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall succeed to all the powers and authority, and to all the duties and obligations vested in or imposed by law upon the Board of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia. Where powers are vested in or duties are imposed by existing law upon the Director of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia with respect to said institutions, such powers and duties are transferred to and shall be exercised by the Director of the Department of Corrections. The officers and employees and all plant and equipment, official records, furniture, and supplies of the said institutions are hereby transferred to the Department of Corrections.

Transfer of powers, duties, etc.

SEC. 4. All rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Public Welfare with respect to said institutions shall continue in force and effect until amended or repealed by the Department of Corrections with the approval of the Commissioners.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. No contract for services or supplies made by the Board pursuant to authority granted to it by law shall be invalidated by this enactment and the unexpended balances of all appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for the Board with respect to said institutions shall become available for use by the Department of Corrections under the direction of the Commissioners.

Contracts for services or supplies.

SEC. 6. The cost of the care and custody of persons confined in the said institutions charged with or convicted of offenses under any law of the United States not applicable exclusively to the District of Columbia shall be charged against the department or agency of the United States primarily responsible for the care and custody of such persons in quarterly accounts to be rendered by the Disbursing Officer of the District of Columbia. The amount to be charged for such care and custody shall be ascertained by multiplying the average daily number of such persons so confined during the quarter by the per capita cost for the same quarter for all prisoners in the institution where confined, excluding expenses of construction or extraordinary repair of buildings. The sum so derived shall be credited to the current appropriation for the maintenance and operation of such institutions.

Cost of care and custody of persons confined to institutions.

Approved June 27, 1946.

[CHAPTER 508]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Indiana State Toll Bridge Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge or a free bridge across the Wabash River near Mount Vernon, Indiana.

June 27, 1946

[H. R. 5606]

[Public Law 461]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Indiana State Toll Bridge Commission be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Wabash River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, near Mount Vernon, Indiana, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Bridge.  
Wabash River.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Indiana State Toll Bridge Commission all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, maintenance,

34 Stat. 84.  
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.

Acquisition of lands.