

Reversion to U. S.

Exception.

width, situated on Pacific Avenue, between Vermont and Rhode Island Avenues, and including structures thereon: *Provided*, That the city of Atlantic City shall not have the right to sell or convey aforesaid property, nor to devote the same to any other than a public use; and in the event that said property shall not be used as above provided, the right, title, and interest hereby authorized to be conveyed shall revert to the United States: *Provided*, That there shall be excepted from this conveyance the building occupied by the United States Weather Bureau, and the land on which it is situated, not exceeding fifty by one hundred and fifty feet.

Approved August 9, 1946.

[CHAPTER 947]

AN ACT

August 10, 1946

[H. R. 341]

[Public Law 715]

Relating to the status of Keetoowah Indians of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma, and for other purposes, and authorizing conveyance of the Seger Indian School to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians of Oklahoma.

Status of Keetoowah Indians.

25 U. S. C. § 503.

Seger School Reserve. Use, etc., of lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Keetoowah Indians of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma shall be recognized as a band of Indians residing in Oklahoma within the meaning of section 3 of the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967).

SEC. 2. That there is hereby set aside for the use and benefit of the Indians of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Reservation in Oklahoma the remainder of the lands comprising the diminished Seger School Reserve containing approximately five hundred and thirty-seven acres, and the improvements thereon, in section 15, township 10 north, range 14 west, of the Indian meridian, Oklahoma.

Agreement.

Subject to the consent of the business committee of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes thereto, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Colony Union Graded School District Numbered 1, Colony, Oklahoma, for the use by the district of all or any portion of the land, and improvements thereon, described in this Act: *Provided*, That any such agreement shall contain the express condition that the land therein described and the improvements thereon shall revert to the use of the Indians of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes when no longer used by the said school district for school purposes.

Condition.

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[CHAPTER 948]

AN ACT

August 10, 1946

[H. R. 4842]

[Public Law 716]

To amend the Act of April 29, 1943, so as to afford a preference for veterans in acquiring certain vessels.

Veterans' preference in acquiring certain vessels.

57 Stat. 69.
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 1303.

Vessel not returned to owner.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the return to private ownership of certain vessels formerly used or suitable for use in the fisheries or industries related thereto", approved April 29, 1943, as amended (U. S. C. 1940 edition, Supp. V, title 50 App., secs. 1301-1304), is amended by inserting in section 3 after the words "advertise the vessel" the following: "except any vessel acquired by a veteran pursuant to section 5 (a) (1)," and by adding at the end thereof the following section:

"SEC. 5. (a) (1) If any such vessel of sixty-five feet or less in length between perpendiculars is not returned to such owner as provided in section 3, then, prior to advertising such vessel for sale, the War Shipping Administration or the Maritime Commission shall make

such vessel available for acquisition by a veteran, as defined in subsection (b), in accordance with the provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. V, title 50 App., secs. 1611-1646), and regulations made thereunder, as property for exclusive disposal to veterans.

“(2) In the case of any vessel of sixty-five feet or less in length between perpendiculars to be disposed of by the War Shipping Administration or the Maritime Commission as surplus property by virtue of any law other than this Act, such vessel shall be available for acquisition by a veteran, as defined in subsection (b), in accordance with the provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. V, title 50 App., secs. 1611-1646), and regulations made thereunder, as property for exclusive disposal to veterans.

“(b) For purposes of this Act, the terms ‘veteran’ means any person in the active military or naval service of the United States during the present war, or any person who served in the active military or naval service of the United States on or after September 16, 1940, and prior to the termination of the present war, and who has been discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions, or any person who is or has been eligible to receive a certificate for substantially continuous service in the merchant marine as provided in the Act of June 23, 1943 (U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. V, title 50 App., sec. 1471).”

Approved August 10, 1946.

[CHAPTER 949]

AN ACT

Relating to the sale by the United States of surplus vessels suitable for fishing.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That vessels which are determined to be surplus property under the Surplus Property Act of 1944, as amended, and which are suitable for use as fishing vessels shall not be disposed of until offered for sale by the United States Maritime Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”) in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 2. (a) As used in this Act the term “former owners” means former owners of fishing vessels purchased or requisitioned by the United States who on or before the date of the enactment of this Act have not been notified that their vessels may be returned to them under the provisions of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the return to private ownership of certain vessels formerly used or suitable for use in the fisheries or industries related thereto”, approved April 29, 1943, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. IV, title 50, App., sec. 1301).

(b) Former owners shall be given notice by the Commission, in such manner (which may include publication) as it may prescribe, that vessels suitable for use as fishing vessels are to be disposed of by the United States and shall be entitled to purchase such vessels at private sale within a reasonable time after such notice. Such reasonable time shall be specified in the notice but may be extended by the Commission when it appears to it that an extension is necessary or appropriate to facilitate the sale of any vessel or vessels under this Act.

SEC. 3. (a) Sales of vessels to former owners under this Act shall be upon such terms and conditions as the Commission deems proper.

(b) Any vessels suitable for use as fishing vessels not disposed of by the Commission as provided in this Act shall be disposed of as otherwise provided by law.

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58 Stat. 765.
Ante, pp. 168, 169,
599, 754, 886.

Vessel to be dis-
posed of as surplus
property.

Supra.

“Veteran.”

57 Stat. 162.
Ante, pp. 905, 945.

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[Public Law 717]

Surplus vessels suit-
able for fishing.

58 Stat. 765.
50 U. S. C., Supp.
V, app. §§ 1611-1646.
Ante, pp. 168, 169,
599, 754, 886.

“Former owners.”

57 Stat. 69.
50 U. S. C., Supp.
V, §§ 1301-1304.
Ante, p. 976.
Notice of disposal.

Terms, etc., of sale.