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CHAP. 56.—An Act Authorizing the construction of a bridge across Current River, in Missouri.

Current River, Mo.
Carter County may bridge, near Van Buren Ferry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county court of Carter County, Missouri, their successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge, and approaches thereto, across Current River, at a point to be approved by the Chief of Engineers and Secretary of War, near Van Buren Ferry, in Carter County, Missouri.

Construction.
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SEC. 2. That the bridge authorized to be constructed by this Act shall be constructed in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby reserved.

Approved, February 1, 1909.

February 2, 1909.
[H. R. 12899.]
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CHAP. 58.—An Act To provide for a disbursing officer for the Government Hospital for the Insane.

District of Columbia.
Government Hospital for the Insane.
R. S., sec. 4839, p. 928, amended.
Superintendent.
Salary increased.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-eight hundred and thirty-nine of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4839. The chief executive officer of the Government Hospital for the Insane shall be a superintendent, who shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be entitled to a salary of four thousand dollars a year, and shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duties in such sum and with such securities as may be required by the Secretary of the Interior. The superintendent shall be a well-educated physician, possessing competent experience in the care and treatment of the insane; he shall reside on the premises and devote his whole time to the welfare of the institution; he shall, subject to the approval of the board of visitors, appoint a responsible disbursing agent for the institution, who shall give a bond satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior, and the said superintendent shall engage and discharge all needful and useful employees in the care of the insane and all laborers on the farm and determine their wages and duties; he shall also be an ex officio secretary of the board of visitors. The said disbursing agent, under the direction of the superintendent, shall have the custody of and pay out all moneys appropriated by Congress for the Government Hospital for the Insane, or otherwise received for the purposes of the hospital, and all moneys received by the superintendent in behalf of the hospital or its patients, and keep an accurate account or accounts thereof. The said disbursing agent shall deposit in the Treasury of the United States, under the direction of the superintendent, all funds now in the hands of the superintendent or which may hereafter be intrusted to him by or for the use of patients, which shall be kept in a separate account; and the said disbursing agent is authorized to draw therefrom, under the direction of the said superintendent, from time to time, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, for the use of such patients, but not to exceed for any one patient the amount intrusted to the superintendent on account of such patient. During the time that any pensioner shall be an inmate of the Government Hospital for the Insane, all money due or becoming due upon his or her pension shall be paid by the pension agent to the superintendent or disbursing agent of the hospital, upon a certificate by such superintendent that the pensioner is an inmate of the hospital and is living, and such pen-

Appointment of disbursing agent.
Bond.
Duties.

Deposit of funds.

Separate account.

Disbursement of pension money of inmates.