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Amendment.

SEC. 8. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 22, 1928.

May 22, 1928.
[H. R. 457.]
[Public, No. 472.]

CHAP. 684.—An Act To create a board of local inspectors, Steamboat Inspection Service, at Hoquiam, Washington.

Steamboat Inspection Service.
Hoquiam, Wash.
Board of local inspectors created at.
Additional allowances.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a board of local inspectors, Steamboat Inspection Service, consisting of a local inspector of hulls and a local inspector of boilers, be, and is hereby, created at the port of Hoquiam, Washington. Such inspector of hulls and inspector of boilers shall each be entitled, in addition to his authorized pay and traveling allowances, to his actual and reasonable expenses for transportation of instruments, which shall be certified and sworn to under such instructions as shall be given by the Secretary of Commerce.

Approved, May 22, 1928.

May 22, 1928.
[H. R. 5548.]
[Public, No. 473.]

CHAP. 685.—An Act To authorize payment of six months' death gratuity to dependent relative of officers, enlisted men, or nurses whose death results from wounds or disease not resulting from their own misconduct.

Navy.
Vol. 41, p. 824, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provision contained in the Act approved June 4, 1920 (Forty-first Statutes at Large, page 824; section 943, title 34, United States Code), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Allowance for death in service.
U. S. Code, p. 1143, amended.
Six month's pay to widow, child, or dependent relative.

"943. ALLOWANCE ON DEATH OF OFFICER OR ENLISTED MAN OR NURSE, TO WIDOW, CHILD, OR DEPENDENT RELATIVE.—Immediately upon official notification of the death from wounds or disease, not the result of his or her own misconduct, of any officer, enlisted man, or nurse on the active list of the regular Navy or regular Marine Corps, or on the retired list when on active duty, the Paymaster General of the Navy shall cause to be paid to the widow, and if there be no widow to the child or children, and if there be no widow or child, to any other dependent relative of such officer, enlisted man, or nurse previously designated by him or her, an amount equal to six months' pay at the rate received by such officer, enlisted man, or nurse at the date of his or her death. The Secretary of the Navy shall establish regulations requiring each officer and enlisted man or nurse having no wife or child to designate the proper dependent relative to whom this amount shall be paid in case of his or her death. Said amount shall be paid from funds appropriated for the pay of the Navy and pay of the Marine Corps, respectively: *Provided*, That if there be no widow, child, or previously designated dependent relative, the Secretary of the Navy shall cause the amount herein provided to be paid to any grandparent, parent, sister, or brother shown to have been actually dependent upon such officer, enlisted man, or nurse prior to his or her death, and the determination of such fact by the Secretary of the Navy shall be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers of the Government: *Provided*, That nothing in this section or in other existing legislation shall be construed as making the provisions of this section applicable to officers, enlisted men, or nurses of any forces of the Navy of the United States other than those of the regular Navy and Marine Corps, and nothing in this section shall be construed to apply in commissioned grades to any officers except those holding permanent or probationary ap-

Beneficiary to be designated.

Funds available.

Provisos.
Grandparent, etc., if no widow, child, etc., designated.

Applicable only to regular Navy and Marine Corps.