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CHAP. 853.—An Act To provide for the operation and maintenance of bathing pools under the jurisdiction of the Director of Public Buildings and Parks of the National Capital.

July 3, 1930.
[S. 4224.]
[Public, No. 526.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Director of Public Buildings and Parks of the National Capital, in his discretion, is authorized to operate, through the Welfare and Recreational Association of Public Buildings and Grounds, bathing pools under his jurisdiction, and thereupon there may be deposited in the Treasury under the special fund to the credit of said association moneys received for the operation of such pools and be there available for the purposes of said special fund and this shall be a compliance with the provisions of the Act approved February 28, 1929 (45 Stat. 1411–1412).

District of Columbia. Bathing pools in, may be operated by Director of Public Buildings and Parks.

Deposit of funds.

Vol. 45, pp. 1411, 1412.

Approved, July 3, 1930.

CHAP. 854.—An Act To amend sections 17 and 27 of the General Leasing Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437; U. S. C., title 30, sec. 226), as amended.

July 3, 1930.
[S. 4657.]
[Public, No. 527.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 17 and 27 of the Act entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale, gas, and sodium on the public domain," approved February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437; U. S. C., title 30, sec. 226), as amended, are amended to read as follows:

General Leasing Act, amendment.
Vol. 41, p. 443, amended.
U. S. C., p. 969.
Post, p. 1523.

"SEC. 17. That all unappropriated deposits of oil or gas situated within the known geologic structure of a producing oil or gas field and the unentered lands containing the same, not subject to preferential lease, may be leased by the Secretary of the Interior to the highest responsible bidder by competitive bidding under general regulations to qualified applicants in areas not exceeding six hundred and forty acres and in tracts which shall not exceed in length two and one-half times their width, such leases to be conditioned upon the payment by the lessee of such bonus as may be accepted and of such royalty as may be fixed in the lease, which shall not be less than 12½ per centum in amount or value of the production, and the payment in advance of a rental of not less than $1 per acre per annum thereafter during the continuance of the lease, the rental paid for any one year to be credited against the royalties as they accrue for that year. Leases shall be for a period of twenty years, with the preferential right in the lessee to renew the same for successive periods of ten years upon such reasonable terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, unless otherwise provided by law at the time of the expiration of such periods: *Provided*, That any lease heretofore or hereafter issued under this Act that has become the subject of a cooperative or unit plan of development or operation of a single oil or gas pool, which plan has the approval of the Secretary of the Interior as necessary or convenient in the public interest, shall continue in force beyond said period of 20 years until the termination of such plan: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall report all leases so continued to Congress at the beginning of its next regular session after the date of such continuance. Whenever the average daily production of any oil well shall not exceed ten barrels per day, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to reduce the royalty on future production when in his judgment the wells can not be successfully operated upon the royalty fixed in the lease. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to all oil and gas leases made under this Act.

Leases of unappropriated deposits in known producing fields.

Competitive bidding.

Payment of bonus, etc.

Period of leases, renewals.

Provisos.
Additional, if cooperative plan of development, etc.

Report thereon.

Reduction of royalty for small production.

Applicable to all oil and gas leases.