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commissioned line officers of the Navy as in the opinion of the Secretary of the Navy may be necessary to fill vacancies which will occur prior to July 1 of the current calendar year, and thereafter no further appointments shall be made in the grade of ensign until the total number of commissioned line officers has been reduced below that authorized by law.

Officers carried as additional numbers excluded in computation.

SEC. 8. In making any computation required or authorized by or pursuant to this Act there shall be excluded from consideration those officers carried by law as additional numbers, and whenever a final fraction of one-half or more occurs the whole number next above shall be regarded as the authorized number.

Age limits.
Vol. 39, p. 579, repealed.
U. S. C., p. 1111.

SEC. 9. The provision in the Act approved August 29, 1916 (Thirty-ninth Statutes at Large, page 579; United States Code, title 34, section 311), prescribing maximum age limits for the promotion of captains, commanders, and lieutenant commanders is hereby repealed.

Matter amended.
Vol. 43, p. 1279, amended.
U. S. C., p. 1117.
Retirement grade, etc.
Combat citations.

SEC. 10. The Act of March 4, 1925, section 30 (Forty-third Statutes at Large, page 1279; United States Code, title 34, section 399), providing for the retirement of officers who have been specially commended for their performance of duty in actual combat with the enemy is hereby amended by inserting after the words "by reason of age ineligibility for promotion," the words "or ineligibility for consideration by a selection board after completion of the designated periods of service for their respective grades," so that the first paragraph of said section 30 will read as follows:

Officers specially commended for combat duty in World War to be retired with rank of next higher grade.

"All officers of the Navy and Marine Corps who have been specially commended for their performance of duty in actual combat with the enemy during the World War, by the head of the executive department under whose jurisdiction such duty was performed, when retired by reason of age ineligibility for promotion, or ineligibility for consideration by a selection board after completion of the designated periods of service for their respective grades, shall be placed upon the retired list with the rank of the next higher grade and with three-fourths of the pay they would have received if not advanced in rank pursuant to this section."

Inconsistent laws repealed.

SEC. 11. All Acts and parts of Acts, so far as they conflict with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed.

Approved, March 3, 1931.

March 3, 1931.
[S. 3404.]
[Public, No. 785.]

CHAP. 398.—An Act To authorize the city of Fernandina, Florida, under certain conditions, to dispose of a portion of the Amelia Island Lighthouse Reservation.

Amelia Island Lighthouse Reservation.
Fernandina, Fla., may convey portion of, upon payment.
Vol. 44, p. 624.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon the payment of $4,762.50 by the city of Fernandina, Florida, to the Secretary of Commerce such city is authorized to convey, without regard to the conditions and limitations of paragraph (6) of section 1 and of section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to dispose of certain lighthouse reservations, and to increase the efficiency of the Lighthouse Service, and for other purposes," approved May 22, 1926, the lands conveyed to such city pursuant to paragraph (6) of section 1 of such Act, except a tract bounded on the south by so much of the shell road as crosses section 12, on the east by the eastern boundary of section 12 with a water front of not less than nine hundred and sixty feet, on the north by a straight line extending from such eastern boundary for one thousand feet, more or less to the western boundary of section 12, and on the west by the western boundary of section 12 extending

Portion excepted.

To be devoted to public park purposes.

one thousand feet, more or less to the shell road. Such tract shall contain not less than twenty acres and shall, together with the ocean beach and water front abutting on the eastern boundary thereof (including all easements and rights of ingress and egress), be devoted exclusively to public-park purposes. Any conveyance made by such city shall contain express conditions reserving to the United States (1) a perpetual easement for beams of light from the Amelia Island Lighthouse, and (2) the right to trim any trees and to limit the height of any structures erected on such property that may obstruct the beams of such light.

Rights reserved.

Approved, March 3, 1931.

March 3, 1931.
[S. 4022.]
[Public, No. 786.]

CHAP. 399.—An Act To regulate the erection, hanging, placing, painting, display, and maintenance of outdoor signs and other forms of exterior advertising within the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Regulations governing placing, etc., of outdoor signs in, authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered after public hearings to make and to enforce such regulations as they may deem advisable to (in so far as necessary to promote the public health, safety, morals, and welfare) control, restrict, and govern the erection, hanging, placing, painting, display, and maintenance of all outdoor signs and other forms of exterior advertising on public ways and public space under their control and on private property within public view within the District of Columbia, and such regulations as may be promulgated hereunder shall have the force and effect of law.

Force and effect.

Licenses to issue.

SEC. 2. No person, persons, firm, or corporation shall engage in the business of erecting, hanging, placing, painting, displaying, or maintaining any sign for outdoor display within the District of Columbia without first having obtained a license therefor from the Superintendent of Licenses of the District of Columbia, which license shall bear an identification number: *Provided*, That no license shall issue without the prepayment of $5 to the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia, and an annual fee of $5 thereafter for each succeeding year. For good cause shown the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall have the power to reject any application for a license hereunder, or, where license has been issued, to revoke it.

Proviso.
Fees therefor.

Rejection of license application.

Vol. 32, p. 627, repealed.

SEC. 3. That paragraph 39 of the Act of July 1, 1902 (32 Stat. L. pt. 1, pp. 627–628), relating to billposters and signs in the District of Columbia, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Penalty for violation of regulations.

SEC. 4. Any person, persons, firm, or corporation, whether as principal, agent, or employee, violating this Act or any of the regulations promulgated pursuant to said Act shall, upon conviction thereof in the police court of the District of Columbia, be fined not less than $5 nor more than $200 for each and every offense, and a like fine shall be imposed for each and every day thereafter that such violation of law shall continue: *Provided*, That the regulations promulgated hereunder shall be printed in one of the daily newspapers published in the District of Columbia, and no penalty prescribed for the violation of said regulations shall be enforced until thirty days after the publication of such regulations.

Proviso.
Publication of regulations.

Approved, March 3, 1931.