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[CHAPTER 624]

AN ACT

August 14, 1937
[H. R. 6295]
[Public, No. 284]

To dispense with unnecessary renewals of oaths of office by civilian employees of the executive departments and independent establishments.

Executive departments, etc.
Renewal of oath of office not required in certain cases.
R. S. § 1757.
5 U. S. C. § 16.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That civilian employees of the executive departments and independent establishments of the United States who, upon original appointment, have subscribed to the oath of office required by section 1757 of the Revised Statutes, shall not be required to renew the said oath because of any change in status so long as their services are continuous in the department or independent establishment in which employed, unless in the opinion of the head of the department or independent establishment the public interests require such renewal.

Approved, August 14, 1937.

[CHAPTER 625]

AN ACT

August 14, 1937
[H. R. 6976]
[Public, No. 285]

To provide for the establishment of a Coast Guard station on the coast of Alabama at or near Dauphin Island, Alabama.

Dauphin Island, Ala.
Establishment of Coast Guard station authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to establish a Coast Guard station on the coast of Alabama, at or near Dauphin Island, Alabama.

Approved, August 14, 1937.

[CHAPTER 626]

AN ACT

August 14, 1937
[H. R. 7373]
[Public, No. 286]

To aid the several States in making, or for having made, certain toll bridges on the system of Federal-aid highways free bridges, and for other purposes.

Toll bridges on Federal-aid highways.
Existing, becoming free of tolls prior to July 1, 1939; limited aid to, authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the case of each and every State, or political subdivision or subdivisions thereof, which, prior to the date of approval of this Act, shall have constructed or acquired any toll bridges on the approved System of Federal-aid highways, and which has caused or shall, prior to July 1, 1939, cause, any such toll bridge, or toll bridges, to be made free, the Secretary of Agriculture shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay out of the Federal-aid road funds apportioned to such State not to exceed 50 per centum of such amount as may be approved by the Secretary of Agriculture as the reasonable value or construction cost of any such bridge whichever shall be least: *Provided*, That no payment of Federal funds shall be made on account of any such bridge which was not constructed in accordance with plans and specifications which would meet the standards required by the Secretary of Agriculture at the time such bridge was constructed, nor on account of any bridge the construction of which was completed prior to March 3, 1927: *And provided further*, That no such payment shall be made which will exceed 50 per centum of the reasonable value or cost of the labor and materials which were actually incorporated in the construction of such bridge, excluding all costs of rights-of-way, property damages, and financing costs, whichever, value or cost, shall be least, and any amount so paid on account of any such bridge shall be used by the highway department of such State for match-

Provisos.
Payment forbidden, if not according to Government standards, etc.

Maximum allowance.

Use of, by State.