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exchanged therefor: *Provided further*, That either party to any such exchange may make reservations of easements, rights of use, and other interests and rights. No fee shall be charged for any such exchange with respect to land owned by the State of Oregon or any county thereof, except one-half of the cost of publishing notice of such proposed exchange.

Reservations of easements, etc.

State-owned lands; fees for exchanges.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to perform any and all acts and to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Administrative duties of Secretary of Interior.

SEC. 3. The Act of May 31, 1918 (40 Stat. 593), section 3 of the Act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 758), and all other Acts or parts of Acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.

Designated provisions repealed. 40 Stat. 593; 41 Stat. 758.

Approved, July 31, 1939.

[CHAPTER 408]

AN ACT

August 1, 1939
[H. R. 4647]
[Public, No. 250]

To increase the amount of Federal aid to State or Territorial homes for the support of disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide aid to State or Territorial homes for the support of disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States", approved August 27, 1888, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 24, sec. 134), is amended by striking out in the first paragraph thereof "$120 per annum" and inserting in lieu thereof "$240 per annum".

State or Territorial homes for disabled soldiers and sailors. Federal aid increased. 25 Stat. 450. 24 U. S. C. § 134.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall apply to payments with respect to the care given to disabled soldiers and sailors on and after the first day of the month next following the month during which this Act is enacted: *Provided*, That said payments shall be made regardless of whether said veteran may be receiving domiciliary care or hospitalization in said home and the appropriations of the Veterans' Administration for medical, hospital, and domiciliary care shall be available for this purpose: *Provided further*, That no payment to a State or Territory under this Act shall be made for any period prior to the date upon which the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs determines that the veteran on whose account such payment is requested is eligible for such care in a Veterans' Administration facility.

Effective date.

Provisos. Payments not barred because of domiciliary care, etc.

No payments prior to determination of eligibility.

Approved, August 1, 1939.

[CHAPTER 409]

AN ACT

August 1, 1939
[H. R. 6076]
[Public, No. 251]

To provide for the registry of pursers and surgeons as staff officers on vessels of the United States, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be registered staff officers in the United States merchant marine in the following grades: (1) Chief purser, (2) purser, (3) senior assistant purser, (4) junior assistant purser, and (5) surgeon. The Secretary of Commerce (in this Act called the Secretary) shall register, and issue certificates of registry to, qualified individuals applying for registry in such grades, as hereinafter provided, and every such individual when so registered and serving in the staff department on a vessel of the United States shall rank as a staff officer on such vessel.

Merchant marine. Registry of pursers and surgeons as staff officers; grades.