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[CHAPTER 641]

AN ACT

To amend the Acts granting increased compensation to civilian employees for the period July 1, 1917, to June 30, 1924.

August 10, 1939
[H. R. 5333]
[Public, No. 369]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no claim for additional or increased compensation incident to services rendered by civilian employees of the Government of the United States or of the District of Columbia between July 1, 1917, and June 30, 1924, authorized by Acts making appropriations for the payment of such increased or additional compensation for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1918, to June 30, 1924, inclusive, shall be considered by the General Accounting Office unless presented to it within six months from the date of the enactment of this Act.

Civilian employees.
Time limitation on presenting claims for increased compensation for period designated.

Approved, August 10, 1939.

[CHAPTER 642]

AN ACT

Relating to the retirement of employees to whom the provisions of section 6 of the Act approved June 20, 1918 (40 Stat. 608; U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 33, sec. 763), as amended, apply.

August 10, 1939
[H. R. 6747]
[Public, No. 370]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any officer or employee of the Lighthouse Service who, on June 30, 1939, meets the requirements (except those relating to age and period of service) of section 6 of the Act approved June 20, 1918 (40 Stat. 608; U. S. C., title 33, sec. 763), as amended or supplemented, and who shall (1) reach the age of sixty-four years prior to July 1, 1940, or (2) be the occupant of an office or position abolished prior to July 1, 1940, may in the discretion of the head of his executive department be retired with annual compensation as provided in said section 6: *Provided, however*, That no such officer or employee shall be retired hereunder unless he shall have been in the service of the Government not less than thirty years at the time of retirement. Any officer or employee to whom this Act applies who is not retired hereunder prior to reaching the age of sixty-five years shall, upon reaching such age, become eligible for retirement in accordance with the provisions of said section 6 of the Act of June 20, 1918, and may not be retired under the provisions of this Act. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to affect the application of said section 6 to any officer or employee of the Lighthouse Service to whom this Act does not apply.

Lighthouse Service.
Application of retirement provisions to certain employees.

40 Stat. 608.
33 U. S. C. § 763.
Ante, p. 1216.

Proviso.
Service requirements.

Retirement of eligible personnel on reaching retirement age.

Construction of Act.

Approved, August 10, 1939.

[CHAPTER 643]

AN ACT

To amend section 4488 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 481).

August 10, 1939
[H. R. 7090]
[Public, No. 371]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first two sentences appearing in paragraph 1 of section 4488 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 481), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Navigation.

R. S. § 4488.
46 U. S. C. § 481.

"SEC. 4488. Every steamer navigating the ocean, or any lake, bay, or sound of the United States, shall be provided with such numbers of lifeboats, floats, rafts, life-preservers, line-carrying projectiles, and the means of propelling them, and drags, as will best secure the

Lifeboats, etc., number to be provided on all steamers.