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[CHAPTER 504]

AN ACT

July 1, 1940
[H. R. 2901]
[Private, No. 428]

Conferring jurisdiction upon the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claim of Geraldine Ash.

Geraldine Ash.
Jurisdiction of Court to hear claim.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia to hear, determine, and render judgment, as if the United States were suable in tort, and notwithstanding the lapse of time or any provision of law to the contrary, upon the claim of Geraldine Ash for alleged damages on account of personal injuries sustained by the said Geraldine Ash in a collision involving the automobile in which she was riding and a truck operated by the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture on January 10, 1938, in the city of Athens, Georgia: *Provided*, That the measure of damages to govern in said suit shall be the same as is or may be provided and authorized by the laws of the State of Georgia: *Provided further*, That the judgment, if any, shall not exceed $5,000. Such suit shall be brought within one year from the date of enactment of this Act and shall not abate by the death of the claimant but may be continued in the event of her death by her personal representative, as provided by the laws of Georgia.

*Provisos.*
Measure of damages.

Limitation on judgment.
Time for bringing suit.

District attorney charged with defense.

SEC. 2. The United States district attorney for the middle district of Georgia is hereby charged with the duty of defending the United States in any suit instituted under the authority of section 1 of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 3. There is authorized to be appropriated such sum as may be necessary to pay the amount of any judgment rendered pursuant to this Act. The amount of such judgment, when appropriated, shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury upon presentation of a duly authenticated copy of the judgment of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia.

Approved, July 1, 1940.

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[CHAPTER 505]

AN ACT

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For the relief of Anna T. Sifferman Varga.

Anna T. Sifferman Varga.
Payment to.

*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 and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Anna T. Sifferman Varga, formerly a clerk in the American Consulate General at Munich, Germany, the sum of $240, in full settlement of all claims against the Government of the United States for expenses incurred in shipping her personal effects to the United States in May 1939: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

*Proviso.*
Limitation on attorney's, etc., fees.

Penalty.

Approved, July 1, 1940.