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[CHAPTER 277]

AN ACT

May 2, 1942
[S. 2002]
[Public Law 537]

To amend Public Law Numbered 35, Seventy-seventh Congress,[1] approved April 11, 1941.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law Numbered 35, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved April 11, 1941, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

55 Stat. 136.

Relief of disbursing officers, etc., for payments to noncitizens.

"SECTION 1. That notwithstanding provisions contained in the several appropriation Acts for the fiscal years 1939, 1940, 1941, and 1942, prohibiting the payment of compensation therefrom to officers or employees who are not citizens of the United States, the Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to allow credit in the settlement of disbursing officers' accounts, and relieve certifying officers of liability for such payment for services rendered by noncitizen officers and employees, as are otherwise correct and legal, as are made in good faith, and as are found not to be due to any lack of good faith on the part of the payee.

Refunds.

"SEC. 2. If credit is allowed in disbursing officers' accounts in accordance with section 1 of this Act, the officer or employee, or former officer or employee receiving payment shall not be required to refund the amount thereof; and any such amount which has been collected from an officer or employee, or former officer or employee, may be refunded to him.

Payment for prior services.

"SEC. 3. That any person in the armed forces, or employed in a civilian capacity, prior to the enactment hereof, shall be paid for services rendered until January 1, 1942, out of current appropriation or fund otherwise available for the pay of said person, the compensation to which such person would be entitled but for the citizenship prohibition cited in section 1 hereof: *Provided*, That the head of department or agency concerned determines that such person entered said service or employment without fault on his part as to noncitizenship status."

Proviso.

Approved, May 2, 1942.

[CHAPTER 282]

AN ACT

May 4, 1942
[H. R. 4869]
[Public Law 538]

To provide for longevity credit for enlisted men of the Naval Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, and the National Guard 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 hereafter warrant officers and enlisted men of the Naval Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, and the National Guard of the United States shall be credited with longevity for pay purposes on the basis of full time for all service since June 30, 1925, both active and inactive, in the Naval Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, and the National Guard: *Provided*, That warrant officers and enlisted men of the National Guard of the United States shall not be credited for this purpose with time served in the inactive National Guard not in the active Federal service.

Naval Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, and National Guard.
Longevity credit.

Proviso.

34 U. S. C. § 855o.

SEC. 2. Section 316 of the Naval Reserve Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 1185) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Naval Reserve Policy Board.

"SEC. 316. That for the purpose of advising the Secretary of the Navy on the formulation of Naval Reserve policies there shall be convened annually at the Navy Department a Naval Reserve Policy Board, at least half the members of which shall be Naval Reserve officers: *Provided*, That during peace such Naval Reserve officers shall be called to this duty from an inactive duty status.

Proviso.

Approved, May 4, 1942.