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Authority.

SEC. 2. As regards medical and sanitary matters and all other work within the line of their professional duties, the members of the Navy Nurse Corps shall have authority in and about naval hospitals and other medical activities next after the commissioned officers of the Medical Corps and Dental Corps of the Navy. The Secretary of the Navy shall make the necessary regulations prescribing the rights and privileges conferred by such relative rank.

Rights and privileges.

Money value of uniforms.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Navy shall fix the money value of the uniforms which members of the Navy Nurse Corps are required to have upon their first appointment in the Navy: *Provided*, That he may authorize such uniforms to be issued in kind or, in lieu thereof, that payment in cash of the money value fixed in accordance with the foregoing be made to members so appointed, for the purchase of such uniforms;

*Proviso.*
Issue; cash payment in lieu.

Additional outdoor uniforms.

SEC. 4. In time of war or when the Secretary of the Navy shall direct the wearing of uniforms at all times, he may fix the money value of additional outdoor uniforms which may be issued in kind to all members of the Navy Nurse Corps, or authorize payment in cash in lieu thereof for the purchase of such outdoor uniforms as may be prescribed by the United States Navy Uniform Regulations: *Provided*, That but one complete uniform outfit may be furnished to a member of the Navy Nurse Corps.

*Proviso.*
Limitation.

Approved, July 3, 1942.

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[CHAPTER 486]

AN ACT

To suspend the requirement for the performance of annual labor on certain mining claims.

July 3, 1942
[H. R. 6295]
[Public Law 655]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the provision of section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States which requires that on each mining claim located after May 10, 1872, and until a patent has been issued therefor, not less than $100 worth of labor shall be performed or improvements made during each year, shall be suspended as to all valid mining claims in the United States, including the Territory of Alaska, which are situated within the exterior limits of any area withdrawn by Executive order for purposes of national defense, and such suspension shall remain in force and effect until the end of the assessment year during which the order of withdrawal is vacated by the President or by Act of Congress. Where it is found necessary to utilize the surface of valid mining claims for purposes of national defense, the record holders thereof are authorized to enter into agreements providing for such use with any executive department or Federal agency exercising control or jurisdiction over the land.

Mining claims.
Suspension of annual labor requirements.
30 U. S. C. § 28.

*Ante*, p. 271.

Alaska included.

Duration.

Use of surface.

Approved, July 3, 1942.

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[CHAPTER 488]

AN ACT

To amend sections 12A and 19 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended.

July 7, 1942
[S. 2565]
[Public Law 656]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That subsection (a) of section 12A of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended (U. S. C., title 12, sec. 263), is amended by striking out the second and third sentences thereof and substituting the following: "Such representatives shall be presidents or first vice presidents of Federal Reserve

Federal Reserve Act, amendments.
49 Stat. 705.
Federal Open Market Committee, election of representatives.