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methods of communication, may be renewed at the expiration of any five-year period, by the designated beneficiary or by an agent authorized in writing by the insured to take such action, for a second or third or fourth five-year term period at the premium rate for the attained age without medical examination: *Provided further*, That unless it be shown by evidence satisfactory to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs that the insured does not desire renewal, any such policy in force when the five-year term period expires or has expired on or after December 7, 1941, while the insured was in the active service (as defined in section 1 (b) of Public Law 490, Seventy-seventh Congress) outside the continental limits of the United States, excluding any policy continued in another form of Government insurance, will be deemed to have been renewed at the expiration of such five-year term period, and the head of the department concerned is hereby authorized and directed to make an allotment under Public Law 490, Seventy-seventh Congress, subject to prospective termination by the insured in accordance with section 7 thereof, to cover the premiums at the required rate from the date of renewal: *And provided further*, That the two foregoing provisos authorizing renewal of a five-year level premium term policy by any person other than the insured or his duly authorized agent shall be effective until the termination of hostilities as proclaimed by the President or as determined by joint resolution of the Congress, and for three months thereafter."

Automatic renewal while in active service abroad.

56 Stat. 143.
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. § 1001 (b).

Allotment subject to prospective termination.

56 Stat. 143, 145.
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. §§ 1001–1017.

Effective period.

Approved March 23, 1943.

[CHAPTER 20]

AN ACT

March 23, 1943
[H. R. 2030]
[Public Law 14]

To permit the shipment tax-free of certain tobacco products to territories of the United States for the use of members of the military and naval forces of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2135 (a) (1) of the Internal Revenue Code be amended to read as follows:

Internal Revenue Code, amendment.
53 Stat. 234.
26 U. S. C. § 2135 (a) (1).

"SEC. 2135. EXEMPTION FROM TAX.

"(a) SHIPMENTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.—

Tobacco products for U. S. forces.

"(1) MANUFACTURERS.—Manufactured tobacco, snuff, cigars, or cigarettes may be removed for export to a foreign country or for shipment to a possession of the United States (or, until the date on which the President proclaims that hostilities in the present war have terminated, to a territory of the United States for the use of members of the military or naval forces of the United States) without payment of tax under such rules and regulations and the making of such entries, and the filing of such bonds and bills of lading as the Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary, shall prescribe."

Approved March 23, 1943.

[CHAPTER 21]

AN ACT

March 23, 1943
[S. 677]
[Public Law 15]

To amend the National Housing Act, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 603 (a) of the National Housing Act, as amended, is hereby amended by (1) striking out "$800,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "$1,200,000,000"; and (2) striking out of the third proviso "July 1,

National Housing Act, amendments.
55 Stat. 56; 56 Stat. 301.
12 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1738 (a).
Post, p. 571.