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payments authorized by this Act be made for any period prior to the date of enactment of this Act.

Disability pensions.

SEC. 17. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, pension payable for disability shall be payable from date of discharge if claim therefor is filed within one year from discharge.

Approved July 13, 1943.

[CHAPTER 234]

AN ACT

July 13, 1943
[H. R. 2988]
[Public Law 145]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize black-outs in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved December 26, 1941, as amended.

District of Columbia.
Black-outs.
55 Stat. 858.
D. C. Code, Supp. II, §§ 6-1001 to 6-1013.
Coordination of nonprotective volunteer civilian services.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to authorize black-outs in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved December 26, 1941, as amended, be further amended by adding thereto the following new section:

"SEC. 14. During the existence of a state of war between the United States and any foreign country or nation, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to expend, in their discretion, from the money authorized by section 9 of this Act to be borrowed, for personal services, supplies, and other expenses in connection with the coordination of nonprotective volunteer civilian services, not exceeding $25,000 per year."

Approved July 13, 1943.

[CHAPTER 236]

AN ACT

July 13, 1943
[H. R. 2798]
[Public Law 146]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide that the United States shall aid the States in the construction of rural post roads, and for other purposes", approved July 11, 1916, as amended and supplemented, and for other purposes.

Federal Highway Act, amendment.

23 U. S. C. § 2.
"Construction."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the definition of the term "construction" in section 2 of the Federal Highway Act approved November 9, 1921 (42 Stat. 212), is hereby amended to read as follows: "The term 'construction' means the supervising, inspecting, actual building, and all expenses, including the costs of rights-of-way, incidental to the construction of a highway, except locating, surveying, and mapping."

Defense Highway Act of 1941, amendments.
23 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 105.

SEC. 2. Section 5 of the Defense Highway Act of 1941 (55 Stat. 765) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. REAPPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS.—Federal funds apportioned to the States prior to January 1, 1942, for expenditure on the system of Federal-aid highways, on secondary or feeder roads, and for the elimination of hazards to life at railroad grade crossings in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Highway Act, as amended and supplemented, which were not on that date obligated by the States and which shall not be so obligated on or before June 30, 1943, shall not be reapportioned among the States in accordance with the provisions of said Act, as amended and supplemented, but shall remain available for obligation by the States during continuance of the emergency declared by the President on May 27, 1941, and for a period of one year thereafter."

55 Stat. 1647.
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app., note prec. § 1.
Future and post-war construction.

SEC. 3. The Commissioner of Public Roads is hereby authorized to expend in cooperation with the highway department of any State for engineering and economic investigations of projects for future construction and for surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates for post-war highway improvements so much of the unobligated funds