

which such court has jurisdiction under the provisions of paragraph "Twentieth" of section 24 of the Judicial Code, as amended.

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28 U. S. C. § 41 (20).

[CHAPTER 586]

AN ACT

Conferring jurisdiction upon the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claim of the estate of Bertha L. Tatrault.

December 14, 1944  
[S. 1900]  
[Private Law 487]

*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 District of Massachusetts to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claim of the estate of Bertha L. Tatrault, late of Westboro, Massachusetts, against the United States for the death of the said Bertha L. Tatrault, as the result of personal injuries sustained by her when the horse-drawn wagon in which she was riding as a passenger was struck by a United States Coast Guard vehicle on route numbered 9, east of Park Street, in Westboro, Massachusetts, on September 7, 1943.

Claim of estate of  
Bertha L. Tatrault.

SEC. 2. In the determination of such claim, the United States shall be held liable for damages, and for any acts committed by any of its officers or employees, to the same extent as if the United States were a private person.

SEC. 3. Suit upon such claim may be instituted at any time within one year after the enactment of this Act, notwithstanding the lapse of time or any statute of limitations. Proceedings for the determination of such claim, and appeals from and payment of any judgment thereon, shall be in the same manner as in the case of claims over which such court has jurisdiction under the provisions of paragraph "Twentieth" of section 24 of the Judicial Code, as amended.

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[CHAPTER 593]

AN ACT

To compensate Roy W. Olsen for the loss of an eye on account of negligence of Work Projects Administration employees September 25, 1938, at Cranston, Rhode Island.

December 15, 1944  
[S. 1002]  
[Private Law 488]

*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 is authorized and directed to pay out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,500 to Roy W. Olsen, of the city of Warwick, county of Kent, State of Rhode Island, for damages resulting from personal injuries received by him on September 25, 1938, arising out of the alleged negligent action of certain employees of the Work Projects Administration, as a result of which the said Roy W. Olsen, an innocent bystander, permanently lost the use of his right eye, which eye was later removed and an artificial eye inserted, in full satisfaction of his claim against the United States therefor: *Provided,* That no part of the amount appropriated by 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 such 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 shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Roy W. Olsen.

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