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[CHAPTER 425]

AN ACT

September 27, 1944
[S. 725]
[Public Law 438]

To provide for the punishment of persons conspiring to violate the laws relating to counterfeiting, and certain other laws.

Criminal Code, amendment.
35 Stat. 1115.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter 7 of the Criminal Code, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 18, ch. 7), is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following section:

Conspiracy to violate counterfeiting laws, etc.
35 Stat. 1127, 1131, 1132.

"SEC. 178a. If two or more persons conspire to violate any provision of this chapter, or of sections 205, 218, 219, or 220 of chapter 8 of the Criminal Code, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 18, ch. 7, and secs. 328, 347, 348, and 349 of ch. 8), or of the Act of August 26, 1935 (49 Stat. 866; U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 18, sec. 349a), and one or more of such persons do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, each of the parties to such conspiracy shall, on conviction thereof, be subject to the same fine or imprisonment, or both, as is applicable in the case of conviction for violating such provision."

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[CHAPTER 426]

AN ACT

September 27, 1944
[S. 1250]
[Public Law 439]

To repeal section 2 of the Act approved May 17, 1926, which provides for the forfeiture of pay of persons in the military and naval service of the United States who are absent from duty on account of the direct effects of venereal disease due to misconduct, and to amend Veterans Regulation Numbered 10, as amended, to define line of duty and misconduct for pension and compensation purposes.

Military and naval personnel.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act approved May 17, 1926 (44 Stat. 557; 10 U. S. C. 847b; 34 U. S. C. 882b), is hereby repealed.

Veterans.

SEC. 2. That paragraph VIII of Executive Order Numbered 6098, dated March 31, 1933 (Veterans Regulation Numbered 10, as amended; 38 U. S. C., ch. 12), be amended to read as follows:

Injury or disease incurred in line of duty.

"PAR. VIII. An injury or disease incurred during military or naval service will be deemed to have been incurred in line of duty and not the result of the veteran's own misconduct when the person on whose account benefits are claimed was, at the time the injury was suffered or disease contracted, in active service in the military or naval forces, whether on active duty or on authorized leave, unless such injury or disease was the result of his own willful misconduct: *Provided*, That venereal disease shall not be presumed to be due to willful misconduct if the person in service complies with the Army or Navy regulations requiring him to report and receive treatment for such disease: *Provided further*, That the requirement for line of duty will not be met if it appears that at the time the injury was suffered or disease contracted the person on whose account benefits are claimed (1) was avoiding duty by deserting the service, or by absenting himself without leave materially interfering with the performance of military duties; (2) was confined under sentence of court martial or civil court."

Venereal disease.

Requirement not deemed met in specified cases.

Pension forfeited for disability due to misconduct.

SEC. 3. That paragraph IX of Veterans Regulation Numbered 10, as amended, be and is hereby amended to read:

38 U. S. C. note foll. § 724; Supp. III, note foll. § 732.
Ante, p. 230.

"PAR. IX. Pension shall not be payable under part III, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, for any disability due to the claimant's own willful misconduct or vicious habits."