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rendering him so helpless as to be in need of regular aid and attendance, the monthly pension shall be $176.25.

"(n) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss of two extremities so near the shoulder or hip as to prevent the use of a prosthetic appliance or has suffered the anatomical loss of both eyes, the monthly pension shall be $198.75.

"(o) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered disability under conditions which would entitle him to two or more of the rates provided in one or more of the subparagraphs (l) to (n), inclusive, of part II, paragraph II, of this Regulation, no condition being considered twice in the determination, or has suffered total deafness in combination with total blindness with 5/200 visual acuity or less, the monthly pension shall be $225.

"(p) In the event the disabled person's service-incurred disabilities exceed the requirements for any of the rates prescribed herein, the Administrator, in his discretion, may allow the next higher rate or an intermediate rate, but in no event in excess of $225."

Effective date of increased rates.

SEC. 3. The increased rates provided by this Act shall be effective from the first day of the first month following the passage of this Act, and shall be deemed to include the 15 per centum increase in the rate of compensation or pension payable for service-incurred disability under section 1, Public Law 312, Seventy-eighth Congress, May 27, 1944, or Public Law 469, Seventy-eighth Congress, December 7, 1944.

58 Stat. 229, 797. 38 U. S. C., Supp. IV, §§ 471a-1, 471a-2.

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[CHAPTER 382]

AN ACT

September 24, 1945
[H. R. 1992]
[Public Law 183]

To authorize the sale of certain public lands in Alaska to the Catholic bishop of Alaska, in trust for the Roman Catholic Church.

Alaska.
Sale of certain lands authorized.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Catholic bishop of Alaska, in trust for the Roman Catholic Church, is hereby authorized for a period of one year from and after the effective date of this Act to purchase, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to convey to the bishop, for use as a shrine and for religious and recreational purposes, the following-described public lands situated in the Tongass National Forest, in Alaska:

Description.

Two tracts of land situated at approximately latitude fifty-eight degrees twenty-eight minutes north, longitude one hundred and thirty-four degrees forty-eight minutes west, the said tracts consisting of tract A, of which the area is forty-five and twenty-seven one-hundredths acres, and tract B, or Shrine Island, of which the area is one and fourteen one-hundredths acres, the specific boundaries of said tracts to be those defined by a survey executed by Charles H. Forward, forester, on May 19, 1945, the field notes and plat of said survey being of record in the office of the Forest Service at Juneau, Alaska.

Purchase price.

SEC. 2. That the conveyance shall be made upon the payment by the said bishop for the land at its reasonable appraised price of not less than $1.25 per acre, to be fixed jointly by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture: *Provided*, That the conveyance hereby authorized shall not include any land covered by a valid existing right initiated under the public-land laws or found by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to be needed for public purposes: *Provided further*, That the coal and other mineral deposits in the land shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Lands excluded.

Reservation of mineral rights.

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