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[CHAPTER 243]

AN ACT

July 2, 1945
[H. R. 1599]
[Private Law 122]

To confer jurisdiction upon the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claim of Norfolk-Portsmouth Bridge, Incorporated.

Norfolk-Portsmouth Bridge, Inc. Claim.

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 Eastern District of Virginia to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claim of Norfolk-Portsmouth Bridge, Incorporated, a corporation, its successors and assigns, against the United States for damages sustained by it or them, and resulting from alleged negligent operation of the steamship John M. Moorehead, causing the said steamship to collide with the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bridge over the southern branch of the Elizabeth River, between the City of South Norfolk, Virginia, and the County of Norfolk, Virginia. In the determination of said claim the United States shall be held liable only to the extent to which a private person would be liable under like circumstances. Proceedings for the determination of said claim shall be had in the same manner as in cases of which said court has jurisdiction under the provisions of paragraph twentieth of section 24 of the Judicial Code (36 Stat. 1093; U. S. C., title 28, sec. 41 (20)): *Provided*, That suit hereunder shall be instituted at any time within four months after the enactment of this Act.

Approved July 2, 1945.

[CHAPTER 244]

AN ACT

July 2, 1945
[H. R. 1611]
[Private Law 123]

For the relief of Charles E. Surmont.

Charles E. Surmont.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Charles E. Surmont, the sum of $347.78, in full settlement of all claims against the United States for time lost from work, medical, and other expenses incident thereto, sustained on July 22, 1943, as a result of a collision on the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, between the automobile in which he was riding and a car driven by William A. Gilbert, who at the time was a sergeant in the United States Army, and driving said car in the performance of duty and under orders: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in 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 this 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 thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

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[CHAPTER 245]

AN ACT

July 2, 1945
[H. R. 1617]
[Private Law 124]

For the relief of Hugh M. Gregory.

Hugh M. Gregory. Validation of designated appointment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding the status of Hugh M. Gregory, as a retired commissioned officer of the United States Army, his appointment on August 25, 1941, to the position of associate field representative in the Office of Defense