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of the property as fixed by the disposal agency, under regulations prescribed by the Administrator, unless transfer without reimbursement or transfer of funds is authorized under subsection (d) of this section."

Infra.

SEC. 4. Section 12 of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 is amended by adding a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

Ante, p. 168.

"(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 34 (a) of this Act, no Government agency may transfer any property to any other Government agency without reimbursement or transfer of funds under authority of any law approved prior to June 22, 1944. Any disposal agency may transfer surplus property to a Government agency without reimbursement or transfer of funds whenever a transfer on such terms by the owning agency (by which such property was declared surplus) would be authorized by any law approved subsequent to June 21, 1944, to be made to the Government agency desiring such property."

Reimbursement for property transferred.
58 Stat. 783.
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 1643 (a).

SEC. 5. Section 13 (f) of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 is amended to read as follows:

58 Stat. 772.
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 1622 (f).

"(f) The disposal of surplus property under this section to States and political subdivisions and instrumentalities thereof shall be given priority over all other disposals of property provided for in this Act, except transfers to Government agencies under section 12 and disposals to veterans under section 16 and purchases made under subsection (e) of section 18: *Provided*, That the Administrator may prescribe a reasonable time during which such priority shall be exercised."

Disposals to States, etc.

Supra; ante, p. 168.

58 Stat. 774.
50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 1627 (e).

SEC. 6. The last sentence of subsection (e) of section 18 thereof is hereby amended to read as follows: "The disposal of surplus property under this subsection shall be given priority immediately following transfers to other Government agencies under section 12 and disposals to veterans under section 16. The provisions of subsection (c) of section 12 shall be applicable to purchases made under this subsection."

Infra.

Smaller War Plants Corporation.

Supra; ante, p. 168.

Approved May 3, 1946.

[CHAPTER 249]

AN ACT

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.

May 9, 1946
[H. R. 5719]
[Public Law 376]

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:

Black-outs, D. C.
55 Stat. 858.
D. C. Code, Supp. V, §§ 6-1001 to 6-1014.

"SEC. 15. Up to and including December 31, 1947, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to provide services to veterans and war workers and to expend any moneys otherwise available for expenditure under this Act for all necessary expenses, including personal services without regard to civil service or classification laws."

Services to veterans and war workers.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia not otherwise appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this amendment.

Appropriation authorized.

Approved May 9, 1946.