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effectuate such reduction in personnel in such governmental agencies as he may deem advisable as will offset any increase in personnel for which provision is made in this Act.

Short title.

SEC. 7. This Act may be cited as the "Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1947".

Approved June 22, 1946.

[CHAPTER 446]

AN ACT

June 22, 1946
[H. R. 5907]
[Public Law 423]

To authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to grant an easement for highway purposes to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in certain lands in the reservation of the Veterans' Administration hospital, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

Pennsylvania.
Easement for highway purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of relocating a part of the Lebanon-Buffalo Springs Road, Route Numbered 38016, the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized and directed to grant an easement to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for highway purposes in certain lands in the reservation of the Veterans' Administration hospital in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, described as follows:

All that part of a strip of land sixty feet wide extending thirty feet either way from the following-described centerline and lying within the boundaries of the Veterans' Administration property: Beginning at a point in the center of existing road, Route Numbered 38016, at station one hundred and eight plus seventy-five; thence north seventeen degrees forty-two minutes west to station one hundred and eleven plus three and eighty-one one-hundredths; thence on a curve to the right, having a radius of nine hundred and fifty-five and thirty-seven one-hundredths feet to station one hundred and thirteen plus forty-nine and ninety-two one-hundredths; thence north two degrees fifty-six minutes west to station one hundred and twenty-four plus forty-one and ninety-four one-hundredths; thence on a curve to the left, having a radius of seven hundred and sixteen and seventy-eight one-hundredths feet to station one hundred and thirty plus four and twenty-three one-hundredths; thence north forty-seven degrees fifty-five minutes west to station one hundred and thirty-four plus forty-six and forty-three one-hundredths; thence on a curve to the right, having a radius of two thousand eight hundred and sixty-four and ninety-three one-hundredths feet to station one hundred and thirty-six plus forty-two and twenty-six one-hundredths; thence north forty-four degrees west to a point in center of existing road, Route Numbered 38016, at station one hundred and thirty-seven plus fifty. The above-described right-of-way is in accordance with the road plan of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Highways, Route Numbered 38016, section numbered 1, dated September 11, 1945.

Condition.

The grant of the foregoing easement shall be conditioned upon the vacation, abandonment, and extinguishment within a reasonable time of the presently existing easement in that strip of land described as follows:

All that part of the right-of-way of the existing Lebanon-Buffalo Springs Road lying within or bounded by the Veterans' Administration reservation, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, and lying between the following-described points: Station one hundred eight plus seventy-five and station one hundred thirty-seven plus fifty, in accordance with the road plan of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Highways, Route Numbered 38016, section numbered 1, dated September 11, 1945, except that portion south of station one hundred thirteen plus twenty-five and that portion

north of station one hundred thirty-five plus twenty-five which will be used for the new road as shown on the aforesaid road plan.

The easement herein authorized to be granted shall be limited to the period of time the aforesaid lands are required and actually used for highway purposes, and when no longer so required and used, all interests herein authorized to be conveyed in said lands shall cease and determine. Time limitation.

Approved June 22, 1946.

[CHAPTER 447]

AN ACT

To amend section 100 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.

June 22, 1946
[H. R. 6069]
[Public Law 424]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 100 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended (38 U. S. C. 693), is amended by adding an additional paragraph thereto so that the section will read as follows:

58 Stat. 284.
38 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 693.

"SEC. 100. The Veterans' Administration is hereby declared to be an essential war agency and entitled to priority equal to the highest granted any department or agency of the Government in personnel, service, space, equipment, supplies, and material under any laws, Executive orders, and regulations pertaining to priorities. The Administrator is authorized, for the purpose of extending benefits to veterans and dependents, and to the extent he deems necessary, to procure the necessary space for administrative, clinical, medical, and out-patient treatment purposes by lease, purchase, or construction of buildings, or by condemnation or declaration of taking, pursuant to existing statutes.

Veterans' Administration declared an essential war agency.
Priorities.

Procurement of space.

"Until June 30, 1947, the Administrator is authorized to enter into leases or renewals of leases of property for any of the purposes specified in this section for periods not exceeding five years. The provisions of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 412), as amended by section 15 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (47 Stat. 1517; 40 U. S. C. 278a), the provisions of section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1905 (33 Stat. 1257), and the Act of February 27, 1906 (34 Stat. 48; 31 U. S. C. 665); and the provisions of section 3732 of the Revised Statutes (41 U. S. C. 11) shall not apply to any lease entered into by the Administrator under the authority of this section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to diminish, or in any way limit any right, power, or authority granted to the Administrator under any other law."

Leases of property.

34 Stat. 255.

Approved June 22, 1946.

[CHAPTER 448]

AN ACT

To remove the existing limitation on the number of associate members of the Board of Veterans' Appeals in the Veterans' Administration.

June 22, 1946
[H. R. 6153]
[Public Law 425]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That part of paragraph I preceding subparagraph (a) of part II of Veterans Regulation Numbered 2 (a), as amended (38 U. S. C., ch. 12 note), is amended to read as follows:

38 U. S. C. note foll. § 724.

"I. There is hereby created in the Veterans' Administration a Board of Veterans' Appeals under the administrative control and supervision of a chairman directly responsible to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. The Board shall be composed of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, such number of associate members as may be found necessary not

Veterans' Administration.
Board of Veterans' Appeals.