

the repayment provisions of the applicable statutes or contracts, of construction costs allocated to be returned from power revenues; and (4) payment of other expenses and obligations chargeable to power revenues to the extent required or permitted by law.

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## [CHAPTER 803]

## AN ACT

To provide for the establishment of a modern, adequate, and efficient hospital center in the District of Columbia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in order to provide more adequate hospital facilities in the District of Columbia the Federal Works Administrator is authorized to acquire land and construct buildings and to these ends is empowered:

(a) to acquire prior to the approval of title by the Attorney General (without regard to sections 1136, as amended, and 3709 of the Revised Statutes) improved or unimproved lands or interests in lands in the District of Columbia by purchase, donation, exchange, or condemnation (including proceedings under the Acts of August 1, 1888 (25 Stat. 357), March 1, 1929 (45 Stat. 1415), and February 26, 1931 (46 Stat. 1421)) for such hospital facilities;

(b) by contract or otherwise (without regard to sections 1136, as amended, and 3709 of the Revised Statutes, and section 322 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 412), prior to approval of title by the Attorney General, to make surveys and investigations, to plan, design, and construct hospital facilities in the District of Columbia on lands or interests in lands acquired under the provisions of subsection (a) hereof or on other lands of the United States which may be available (the transfers of which for this purpose by the Federal agency having jurisdiction thereof are hereby authorized notwithstanding any other provision of law), provide proper approaches thereto, utilities, and procure necessary materials, supplies, articles, equipment, and machinery, and do all things in connection therewith to carry out the provisions of this Act; and

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whether relating to the acquisition, handling, or disposal of real or other property by the United States or to other matters, the Federal Works Administrator, with respect to any hospital facilities acquired or constructed under the provisions of this Act, is authorized to enter into leases with private agencies for the operation and maintenance of such hospital facilities or useable separable portions thereof upon such terms, including the period of any such leases, annual rentals, provision for joint use of facilities, provisions for operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of buildings, equipment, machinery, and furnishings and appropriate security to assure the performance of any such leases, and to sell for cash or credit or to convey in exchange for other properties any such hospital facilities or usable separable portion thereof to private agencies on such terms as may be deemed by the Administrator to be in the public interest: *Provided*, That all hospitals participating in such center shall be required either to convey to the Government, free and clear of all incumbrance, the land and buildings now held by them or to sell the same at such prices as is agreed to and approved by the Federal Works Administrator and to pay the proceeds thereof to the Government at the option of the Federal Works Agency.

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Hospital facilities,  
D. C.

Acquisition of lands.  
10 U. S. C. § 1339;  
Supp. V, § 1339.  
*Ante*, p. 809.

40 U. S. C. §§ 257,  
258, 361-386, 258a-258e.

Surveys, construction,  
etc.  
*Supra*.  
40 U. S. C. § 278a.

Leases with private  
agencies.

Conveyances, etc.,  
by participating hos-  
pitals.

SEC. 3. In carrying out the purposes of this Act, the Federal Works Administrator shall provide a hospital center of such size and design as he shall deem feasible and economical of operation.

SEC. 4. In carrying out the provisions of this Act the Federal Works Administrator is authorized to utilize the services of or to act through the United States Public Health Service in the Federal Security Agency, the Federal Works Agency, and any other department or agency of the United States, and any funds appropriated pursuant to this Act shall be available for transfer to such department or agency in reimbursement thereof.

SEC. 5. Thirty per centum of the net amount expended by the Federal Works Administrator under this Act shall be charged against the District of Columbia and shall be repaid to the Government by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia at such times and in such amounts, without interest, as the Congress shall hereafter determine. The District of Columbia shall be entitled to 30 per centum of the sale price of any of the properties sold by the Federal Works Administrator under section 2 of this Act, other than properties the value of which is deducted from the gross amount expended to determine the net amount upon which the 30 per centum to be charged against the District of Columbia is computed, and the District of Columbia shall also be entitled to receive 30 per centum of any rentals received from the leasing of any of the hospital facilities acquired or constructed by the Federal Works Administrator under this Act. The amounts which may be due the District hereunder shall be credited on the amount owed the Government by the District of Columbia until such obligation of the District is discharged in full.

SEC. 6. For carrying out the purposes of this Act, including administrative expenses, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated during the period ending June 30, 1952, the sum of \$35,000,000 to be appropriated at such times and in such amounts as the Congress shall determine.

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[CHAPTER 804]

AN ACT

To provide for the disposition of vessels, trophies, relics, and material of historical interest by the Secretary of the Navy, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized, upon such terms and conditions as he may in his discretion prescribe, to transfer by gift or otherwise obsolete or condemned vessels of the United States Navy or captured vessels in the possession of the Navy to any of the several States, Territories, or possessions of the United States, and political subdivisions, or municipal corporations thereof, the District of Columbia, Canal Zone, or to corporations or associations whose charter or articles of agreement denies them the right to operate for profit. The transfer agreement for the disposition of any vessel shall include a stipulation that the transferee shall maintain the vessel in a condition satisfactory to the Navy Department and that no expense shall result to the United States as a consequence of such transfer or as a consequence of such terms and conditions prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy: *Provided,* That the provisions of section 34 (a) of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 765; 50 U. S. C. 1611) shall apply to this Act.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized, in his discretion, to loan or give to any of the several States, Territories, or possessions of the United States, and political subdivisions or municipal corporations thereof, the District of Columbia, Canal Zone, Soldiers'

Hospital center.

Utilization of PHS services, etc.

Transfer of funds.

Expenditures charged against D. C.

D. C. percentages of sale price and rentals.

Appropriation authorized.

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Navy.  
Transfer of obsolete vessels by gift, etc.

Transfer agreement.

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

Loan, etc., of obsolete and other material.