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SEC. 7. The provisions of this Act shall not be construed as supplanting any civil-service regulations in effect on the date of its enactment.

SEC. 8. This Act shall be known as the "Seniority Act for Rural Mail Carriers". Short title.

Approved May 18, 1948.

[CHAPTER 299]

AN ACT

To increase temporarily the amount of Federal aid to State or Territorial homes for the support of disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States.

May 18, 1948
[H. R. 1562]
[Public Law 531]

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 provide aid to State or Territorial homes for the support of disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States", approved August 27, 1888, as amended (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 24, sec. 134), is amended by striking out in the first paragraph thereof "$300 per annum" and inserting in lieu thereof "$500 per annum from the effective date of this amendment through June 30, 1951, and $300 per annum thereafter". Disabled soldiers and sailors. Support. 25 Stat. 450.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall apply to payments with respect to the care given to disabled soldiers and sailors on and after the first day of the month next following the month during which this Act is enacted: *Provided*, That said payments shall be made regardless of whether said veteran may be receiving domiciliary care or hospitalization in said home and the appropriations of the Veterans' Administration for medical, hospital, and domiciliary care shall be available for this purpose: *Provided further*, That no payment to a State or Territory under this Act shall be made for any period prior to the date upon which the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs determines that the veteran on whose account such payment is requested is eligible for such care in a Veterans' Administration facility. Effective date.

Approved May 18, 1948.

[CHAPTER 300]

AN ACT

To authorize the attendance of the United States Marine Band at the Eighty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 26 to 30, 1948.

May 18, 1948
[H. R. 5035]
[Public Law 532]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to permit the band of the United States Marine Corps to attend and give concerts at the Eighty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 26 to 30, 1948. U. S. Marine Band. Attendance at G. A. R. encampment.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of such band in attending and giving concerts at such convention, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sufficient sum to cover the cost of transportation and pullman accommodations for the leaders and members of the Marine Band, and allowance not to exceed $6 per day each for additional traveling and living expenses while on duty, such allowances to be in addition to the pay and allowance to which they would be entitled while serving their permanent station. Appropriation authorized.

Approved May 18, 1948.