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such property will be disposed of by the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, or Air Force prior to the time such property is conveyed, in accordance with the best interests of the United States Government: *Provided*, That no such property shall be conveyed or otherwise disposed of without the prior joint approval thereof of the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Treasury.

Approval of Secretaries.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 525]

AN ACT

June 19, 1948
[S. 2643]
[Public Law 694]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to establish a lien for moneys due hospitals for services rendered in cases caused by negligence or fault of others and providing for the recording and enforcing of such liens", approved June 30, 1939.

Hospitals, D. C.
Lien for moneys due.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a lien for moneys due hospitals for services rendered in cases caused by negligence or fault of others and providing for the recording and enforcing of such liens", approved June 30, 1939, is amended by inserting after the word "institution" a comma and the following: "and any agency of the United States or the District of Columbia,".

53 Stat. 990.
D. C. Code § 38-301.

D. C. Code § 38-303.

SEC. 2. Section 3 of such Act is amended by inserting after the word "institution" a comma and the following: "and any agency of the United States or the District of Columbia,".

D. C. Code § 38-304.

SEC. 3. Section 4 of such Act is amended by inserting after the word "body" a comma and the following: "and of any agency of the United States or the District of Columbia,".

D. C. Code § 38-305.

SEC. 4. Section 5 of such Act is amended by inserting after the word "institution" the words "or agency".

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 526]

AN ACT

June 19, 1948
[H. R. 238]
[Public Law 695]

For the extension of admiralty jurisdiction

Admiralty jurisdiction.
Extension.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States shall extend to and include all cases of damage or injury, to person or property, caused by a vessel on navigable water, notwithstanding that such damage or injury be done or consummated on land.

In any such case suit may be brought in rem or in personam according to the principles of law and the rules of practice obtaining in cases where the injury or damage has been done and consummated on navigable water: *Provided*, That as to any suit against the United States for damage or injury done or consummated on land by a vessel on navigable waters, the Public Vessels Act or Suits in Admiralty Act, as appropriate, shall constitute the exclusive remedy for all causes of action arising after the date of the passage of this Act and for all causes of action where suit has not been hitherto filed under the Federal Tort Claims Act: *Provided further*, That no suit shall be filed against the United States until there shall have expired a period of six months after the claim has been presented in writing to the Federal agency owning or operating the vessel causing the injury or damage.

43 Stat. 1112; 41 Stat. 525.
46 U. S. C. §§ 781–790, 741–752.

60 Stat. 842.
28 U. S. C. §§ 921, 922, 931–934, 941–945.
Post, p. 1008.

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