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the construction of certain bridges and to extend the times for commencing and/or completing the construction of other bridges over the navigable waters of the United States", approved March 4, 1933, is amended by striking out "twenty years" and inserting in lieu thereof "thirty years"; and the second sentence of section 5 (e) of said Act is amended by striking out the language "or the rates of toll shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper maintenance, repair, and operation of the bridge and its approaches under economical management".

47 Stat. 1555.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 530]

AN ACT

June 19, 1948
[H. R. 3433]
[Public Law 699]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to classify the officers and members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved June 20, 1906, and for other purposes.

Fire Department, D. C.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to classify the officers and members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved June 20, 1906, as amended (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, section 4–404), is amended to read as follows:

34 Stat. 314.

Composition.

"SEC. 3. That the Fire Department of the District of Columbia shall be composed of and operated upon a two-platoon system and the personnel thereof shall consist of one chief engineer; such number of deputy chief engineers (all of whom shall have had at least five years' experience in some regularly organized municipal fire department) and battalion chief engineers as said Commissioners may deem necessary from time to time within the appropriations made by Congress; one fire marshal; such number of deputy fire marshals, inspectors, and clerks as said Commissioners may deem necessary from time to time within the appropriations made by Congress; such number of captains, lieutenants, and sergeants as said Commissioners may deem necessary from time to time within the appropriations made by Congress; one superintendent of machinery; and such number of assistant superintendents of machinery, pilots, marine engineers, assistant marine engineers, marine firemen, privates of class six, privates of class five, privates of class four, privates of class three, privates of class two, privates of class one, hostlers, and laborers as said Commissioners may deem necessary from time to time within the appropriations made by Congress: *Provided*, That the chief engineer of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia shall have the right to call for and obtain the services of any veterinary surgeon employed by said District who at the time shall not be engaged in a more emergent veterinary service for said District: *Provided further*, That the police surgeons of said District are required to attend, without charge, the members of the Fire Department of said District, and examine all applicants for appointment to, promotion in, and retirement, from said Fire Department."

Veterinary surgeons.

Police surgeons.

Establishment of workweek.

SEC. 2. (a) The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized and directed to (1) establish a workweek of not more than seventy hours for officers and members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia on night-platoon duty and of not more than fifty hours for such officers and members on day-platoon duty, and (2) require that the hours of work in each such workweek be performed within a period of five of any seven consecutive days. The two days off duty in each seven-day period to which each officer and member of

Off-duty period.

the Fire Department is entitled under this subsection shall be in addition to his annual leave and sick leave allowed by law.

Declaration of emergency.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), whenever the Commissioners declare that an emergency exists of such a character as to necessitate the continuous service of all officers and members of the Fire Department, it shall be the duty of the chief engineer of the Fire Department to suspend and discontinue the granting of such two days off in seven during the continuation of such emergency.

Effective date.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect one hundred and eighty days after funds have been appropriated and made available for the additional personnel necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 531]

AN ACT

June 19, 1948
[H. R. 3883]
[Public Law 700]

To authorize and direct the Secretary of the Army to transfer to the Territory of Alaska the title to the Army vessel Hygiene.

Army vessel Hygiene.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army is hereby authorized and directed to transfer to the Territory of Alaska the title of the United States to a certain Army vessel, known as the Hygiene, listed in the records of the Department of the Army as Army vessel FS–35, and which the Department of the Army has heretofore made available on a temporary basis for use by the Alaska Territorial Health Service. The transfer of said vessel shall be without charge to the Territory of Alaska.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 532]

AN ACT

June 19, 1948
[H. R. 3915]
[Public Law 701]

To increase the size of the Arkansas-Mississippi Bridge Commission, and for other purposes.

Arkansas-Mississippi Bridge Commission.
Increase in membership.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second paragraph of section 7 of the Act entitled "An Act creating the Arkansas-Mississippi Bridge Commission; defining the authority, power, and duties of said Commission; and authorizing said Commission and its successors and assigns to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Friar Point, Mississippi, and Helena, Arkansas, and for other purposes", approved May 17, 1939 (53 Stat. 747), as amended, is hereby amended to provide that "Federal Works Administrator" shall be substituted for "Secretary of Agriculture" wherever the latter term appears in said paragraph and that the membership of the Commission created by section 7 of said Act shall be increased to eighteen by the appointment of twelve additional members, six of said additional members to be residents and citizens of the State of Mississippi, and the other six to be residents and citizens of the State of Arkansas.

53 Stat. 750.

Time extension.

SEC. 2. The times for commencing and completing the construction of such bridge are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of the enactment of this Act.

Rights reserved.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved June 19, 1948.