

[CHAPTER 153]

AN ACT

To provide uniform longevity promotional grades for the postal field service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) in the case of postmasters and employees in the postal field service (except employees, other than charmen and charwomen, paid on an hourly basis and substitute and temporary rural carriers) for whom single salary or annual automatic salary grades are provided in the Act of July 6, 1945, as amended (Public Law 134, Seventy-ninth Congress), there are hereby established longevity grades A, B, and C. The rate of basic compensation of each such postmaster and employee (except postmasters at post offices of the fourth class, and charmen and charwomen paid on an hourly basis) shall be increased by \$100 per annum for each promotion to a longevity grade. The rate of basic compensation of each such postmaster at a post office of the fourth class shall be increased by 5 per centum per annum for each promotion to a longevity grade. The rate of basic compensation of each such charman and charwoman shall be increased by five cents per hour for each promotion to a longevity grade.

(b) Each such postmaster or employee who is serving in a regular position on the date of enactment of this Act or who is appointed to such a position at any time thereafter, shall be assigned to longevity grade A at the beginning of the quarter following the completion of thirteen years of service, to longevity grade B at the beginning of the quarter following the completion of eighteen years of service, and to longevity grade C at the beginning of the quarter following the completion of twenty-five years of service.

(c) All time on the rolls of the custodial service of the Post Office Department on and after October 1, 1933, and all time on the rolls of the mail equipment shops before or after July 1, 1945, shall be considered as postal field service. In determining longevity credit for the purposes of subsection (b), there shall be credited all time on the rolls (except time on the rolls as a substitute rural carrier) in the postal field service or in the Post Office Department before or after July 1, 1945; all time on the rolls in the custodial service of the Treasury Department continuous to the date of the transfer of the employee to the custodial service of the Post Office Department in accordance with Executive Order Numbered 6166, dated June 10, 1933; all time on the rolls as a special delivery messenger at a first-class post office before or after July 1, 1945; all time on the rolls as a clerk in a third-class post office before or after July 1, 1945, for which payment is made from authorized allowances. In the case of an officer or employee who was separated or is hereafter separated from the postal field service or from the departmental service of the Post Office Department for military duty, or to comply with a war transfer as defined by the Civil Service Commission, all time engaged in military service or service on war transfer shall be credited, and pro rata credit shall be given for the time engaged in military service and service on war transfer for each year of such service. Service specified in this subsection shall be credited on the basis of one-twelfth of a year for each whole calendar month the employee has been on the rolls. All such service shall be credited, whether continuous or intermittent, except that credit shall not be allowed for time on the rolls under a temporary appointment unless such time on the rolls is continuous for one year or more, or unless continuous to the date of appointment as a classified substitute or regular employee.

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[Public Law 500]

Postal field service.
Longevity grades.

59 Stat. 435.
39 U. S. C. §§ 56,
851-876; Sup. III,
§§ 626, 853 *et seq.*
Post, pp. 102, 1118.

Assignment to
grades.

Service credits.

5 U. S. C. § 132 note;
Sup. III, § 132 note.

Retention of promotion credit.

63 Stat. 953.
39 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 886 (e).
Post, p. 103.

Infra.

Supervisory employees.

59 Stat. 435.
39 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 853.
Post, p. 1118.

59 Stat. 443 *et seq.*
39 U. S. C. §§ 862
(a), 863 (b), 864 (b)-
(f), 865 (d), (e).

59 Stat. 451.
39 U. S. C. § 866 (c).

59 Stat. 452.
39 U. S. C. § 866 (d).

59 Stat. 452.
39 U. S. C. § 866 (e).

59 Stat. 453.
39 U. S. C. § 866 (g).

59 Stat. 453.
39 U. S. C. § 866 (j).

59 Stat. 455.
39 U. S. C. § 866 (s).

59 Stat. 455.
39 U. S. C. § 867 (a).

59 Stat. 457.
39 U. S. C. § 868 (b).

59 Stat. 458.
39 U. S. C. § 869 (a).

SEC. 2. Employees on the rolls on the date of enactment of this Act, who are in the highest automatic grade of their position or who are in additional grades, shall retain promotion credit under the provisions of section 2 (e) of the Act of October 28, 1949 (Public Law 428, Eighty-first Congress), and under those provisions of the Act of July 6, 1945 (Public Law 134, Seventy-ninth Congress), which are repealed by section 4 of this Act to the same extent as though such provisions had remained in effect, and thereafter shall be promoted to longevity grades A, B, and C at the beginning of the quarter following the completion of three, five, and seven years of service, respectively, in the next lower grade, except that if prior thereto any such employee becomes eligible for promotion under subsection (b) of section 1 of this Act, such employee shall be promoted in accordance with the provisions of such subsection.

SEC. 3. The amount of any increase under the provisions of this Act in the compensation of any supervisory employee shall not be considered as part of the base salary of such employee for the purposes of the first and second provisos in section 3 of the Act of July 6, 1945, as amended (Public Law 134, Seventy-ninth Congress).

SEC. 4. (a) The Act of July 6, 1945, as amended (Public Law 134, Seventy-ninth Congress), is amended in the following respects:

- (1) By striking out the first proviso in section 12 (a).
- (2) By striking out the proviso in section 13 (b).
- (3) By striking out the proviso in section 14 (b).
- (4) By striking out the proviso in section 14 (c).
- (5) By striking out the proviso in section 14 (d).
- (6) By striking out the proviso in section 14 (e).
- (7) By striking out the proviso in section 14 (f).
- (8) By striking out the proviso in section 15 (d).
- (9) By striking out the proviso in section 15 (e).
- (10) By amending so much of section 16 (c) as precedes the proviso to read as follows:

"(c) Railway post-office lines shall be divided into two classes, class A and class B. Clerks assigned to class A lines shall be promoted successively to grade 9, and clerks assigned to class B lines shall be promoted successively to grade 11. Clerks in charge of class A lines shall be of grade 14. Clerks in charge of class B lines shall be of grade 16."

(11) By amending the first sentence in section 16 (d) to read as follows: "Clerks assigned to terminal railway post offices and air mail field railway post offices shall be promoted successively to grade 9."

(12) By amending the first sentence in section 16 (e) to read as follows: "Clerks assigned to transfer offices shall be promoted successively to grade 11."

(13) By amending the first sentence in section 16 (g) to read as follows: "Clerks assigned to offices of division superintendents, regional superintendents Air Mail Service, and in chief clerks' offices shall be promoted successively to grade 9."

(14) By amending the proviso in section 16 (j) to read as follows: "Provided, That such operators shall be promoted successively to grade 9".

(15) By striking out the second sentence in section 16 (s).

(16) By striking out the proviso in section 17 (a).

(17) By striking out the proviso in section 18 (b).

(18) By striking out the matter relating to grades 10 and 11 in the table in section 19 (a), and by amending that part of section 19 (a) which follows such table to read as follows: "and shall be promoted successively at the beginning of the quarter following one year's satisfactory service in each grade to the next higher grade until they reach the ninth grade".

(b) Sections 1 and 2 (e) of the Act approved October 28, 1949 (Public Law 428, Eighty-first Congress), are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. None of the provisions of this Act shall be so construed as to reduce the grade or compensation of any employee on the rolls on the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect as of November 1, 1949, except that retroactive payments for longevity promotions shall not be made to employees no longer on the rolls of the postal field service on the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved May 3, 1950.

[CHAPTER 154]

AN ACT

To extend the time limits for the award of certain decorations, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, any decoration, or device in lieu of decoration, heretofore authorized by Act of Congress to be awarded to any person for any act or service performed while on active duty in the military or naval forces of the United States or while serving with such forces, may be awarded at any time not later than two years subsequent to the date of the approval of this Act for any act or service that was performed between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945: *Provided*, That the written recommendation for the award of the decoration, or device in lieu of decoration, for such act or service be made not later than one year subsequent to the date of approval of this Act.

SEC. 2. The Act of June 26, 1946 (60 Stat. 309), is hereby repealed.

Approved May 3, 1950.

[CHAPTER 157]

AN ACT

To amend the Life Insurance Act of the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6, chapter II, of the Life Insurance Act of the District of Columbia (Public, Numbered 436, Seventy-third Congress, 48 Stat. 1125), as amended, is amended by deleting the period at the end of said section and inserting in lieu thereof a colon, and by adding thereto the following: "*Provided*, That in lieu of revoking the certificate of authority of any company for causes enumerated in this section, after hearing as herein provided, the Superintendent may subject such company to a penalty of not more than \$200 when in his judgment he finds that public interest would be best served by the continued operation of the company. The amount of any such penalty shall be paid by the company through the Office of the Superintendent to the Collector of Taxes of the District of Columbia."

SEC. 2. That section 27, chapter II, of such Act, as amended, is amended by deleting the period at the end of the first paragraph of said section and inserting in lieu thereof a colon, and by adding thereto the following: "*Provided*, That in lieu of revoking or suspending the license of any such general agent, agent, solicitor, or broker for causes enumerated in this section after hearing as herein provided, the Superintendent may subject such person to a penalty of not more than \$200 when in his judgment he finds that the public interest would be best served by the continuation of the license of such person. The amount

Repeals.
63 Stat. 952, 953.
39 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§§ 885, 886 (e).

Effective date.

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[Public Law 501]

10 U. S. C. § 1409
note; 34 U. S. C. § 360
note.

May 4, 1950
[H. R. 4393]
[Public Law 502]

D. C. Life Insurance
Act, amendments.

48 Stat. 1131.
D. C. Code § 35-405.

Penalty.

48 Stat. 1140.
D. C. Code § 35-426.

Penalty.