stitutional Convention of Puerto Rico shall have declared in a formal resolution its acceptance in the name of the people of Puerto Rico of the conditions of approval herein contained, and when the Governor of Puerto Rico, being duly notified by the proper officials of the Constitutional Convention of Puerto Rico that such resolution of acceptance has been formally adopted, shall issue a proclamation to that effect.

Approved July 3, 1952.

Public Law 448 CHAPTER 568

July 3, 1952
[H. R. 6578]

AN ACT

To provide for research into and development of practical means for the economical production, from sea or other saline waters, of water suitable for agricultural, industrial, municipal, and other beneficial consumptive uses, and for other purposes.

Water research and development.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in view of the acute shortage of water in the arid areas of the Nation and elsewhere and the excessive use of underground waters throughout the Nation, it is the policy of the Congress to provide for the development of practicable low-cost means of producing from sea water, or from other saline waters, water of a quality suitable for agriculture, industrial, municipal, and other beneficial consumptive uses on a scale sufficient to determine the feasibility of the development of such production and distribution on a large-scale basis, for the purpose of conserving and increasing the water resources of the Nation.

Authority of Secretary of Interior.

SEC. 2. In order to carry out the purposes of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through such agencies of the Department of the Interior as he may deem appropriate, is authorized—

(a) by means of research grants and contracts as set forth in subsection (d) of this section to conduct research and technical development work, to make careful engineering studies to ascertain the lowest investment and operating costs, and to determine the best plant designs and conditions of operation;

(b) to study methods for the recovery and marketing of byproducts resulting from and incident to the production of water as herein provided for the purpose of ascertaining the possibilities of offsetting the costs of water production in any area by the commercial utilization of such products;

(c) to acquire, by purchase, license, lease, or donation, secret processes, technical data, inventions, patent applications, patents, licenses, land and any interest in land (including water rights, easements, and leasehold interests), plants and facilities, and other property or rights: *Provided*, That the land or other property acquired hereunder shall not exceed that necessary to carry on the experiments and demonstrations for the purposes herein provided;

(d) to engage, by noncompetitive contract or otherwise, chemists, physicists, engineers, and such other personnel as may be deemed necessary, and any educational institution, scientific organization, or industrial or engineering firm deemed suitable to do any part of the research or other work, and to the extent appropriate to correlate and coordinate the research and development work of such educational institutions, scientific organizations and industrial and engineering firms; and

AUTHENTICATED
U.S. GOVERNMENT
INFORMATION
GPO

(e) to cooperate with any other Federal, State, or municipal department, agency, or instrumentality, and with any private person, firm, educational institution, or other organization in effectuating the purpose of this Act.

Cooperation with Defense Department.

SEC. 3. Research undertaken by the Secretary of the Interior under the authority contained in this Act shall be coordinated or conducted jointly with the Department of Defense to the greatest practicable extent compatible with military and security limitations, to the end that research and developments under this Act which are primarily of a civil nature will contribute to the defense of the Nation and that research and developments in the same field which are primarily of a military nature and are conducted by the Department of Defense will be made available to advance the purposes of this Act and to strengthen the civil economy of the Nation.

Disposal.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized, for the sole purpose of this Act, to dispose of all water and other products produced as a result of his operations under this Act pursuant to regulations to be prescribed by him: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter existing law with respect to the ownership and control of water.

Moneys.

SEC. 5. All moneys received for products of the plants under this Act shall be paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Reports.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Interior shall make reports to the President and the Congress at the beginning of each regular session of the action taken or instituted by him under the provisions of this Act. The report shall include suitable recommendations for further legislation.

Regulations.

SEC. 7. The Secretary of the Interior may issue rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

Appropriation.

SEC. 8. There are authorized to be appropriated, from any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums, not to exceed $2,000,000, for a five-year period, to carry out the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That departmental expenses for the correlation and coordination of information over such five-year period shall not exceed the sum of $500,000: *Provided further*, That such departmental expenses shall be scheduled in equal amounts for each year of such period insofar as practicable.

Approved July 3, 1952.

Public Law 449 CHAPTER 569

AN ACT

July 3, 1952
[H.R. 6857]

To amend section 7a of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the employment of minors within the District of Columbia", approved May 29, 1928.

Employment of minors, D.C.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of section 7a of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the employment of minors within the District of Columbia", approved May 29, 1928, as amended (D. C. Code, sec. 36–207a), is amended by striking out "*Provided*, That such minor is at least fourteen years of age and has completed eight grades of elementary instruction or a course of study deemed by the Board of Education equivalent thereto: *And provided further*, That such minor shall not appear on said stage in more than two performances in any one day, nor more than three hours in any one day, nor more than six days in any week, nor more than twelve hours in any week, and shall not appear on said stage

55 Stat. 863.