correctness of the amount due and paid to such person or persons shall have the same finality as that accorded decisions made pursuant to subsection (b). The provisions of this subsection shall not apply where a legal guardian or committee has been judicially appointed, except as to any payments made hereunder prior to the receipt of notice of appointment.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 506. As used in this title—

(a) The term "spouse" means a lawful wife or husband.

(b) The term "child" includes (1) a legitimate child; (2) a child legally adopted; and (3) a stepchild, if, at the time of death of the member of the Armed Forces, such stepchild was a member of the deceased's household.

(c) The term "parent" includes father and mother, stepfather and stepmother, and father and mother through adoption.

(d) The term "Armed Forces" means the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard of the United States.

TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS

JOB COUNSELING AND EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENT

SEC. 601. Section 607 of title IV, Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended (38 U. S. C. 695f), is hereby amended to read as follows: 58 Stat. 295.

"SEC. 607. The term 'veteran' as used in this title shall mean a person who served in the active service of the Armed Forces during a period of war in which the United States has been, or is, engaged, or during the period on or after June 27, 1950, and prior to such date as may be thereafter determined by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress, and who has been discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable."

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 602. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

Approved July 16, 1952.

Public Law 551 CHAPTER 876

AN ACT

For improvement of Gowanus Creek Channel, New York.

July 16, 1952
[H. R. 7855]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following improvement is hereby adopted and authorized in the interest of national security, to be prosecuted under the direction of the Secretary of the Army and supervision of the Chief of Engineers, in accordance with the plans recommended in the report hereinafter designated: Gowanus Creek Channel, N. Y.

Gowanus Creek Channel, New York, in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered 318, Eighty-second Congress, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document.

Approved July 16, 1952.

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Public Law 552 CHAPTER 877

July 16, 1952
[S. 1310]

AN ACT

To amend Public Law 49, Seventy-seventh Congress, so as to provide for the prevention of major disasters in coal mines.

Federal Coal Mine Safety Act, amendment.

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 relating to certain inspections and investigations in coal mines for the purpose of obtaining information relating to health and safety conditions, accidents, and occupational diseases therein, and for other purposes", approved May 7, 1941, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new title:

55 Stat. 177.
30 USC 4f-4o.

"TITLE II—PREVENTION OF MAJOR DISASTERS IN MINES

"DEFINITIONS AND EXEMPTION

"SEC. 201. (a) For the purposes of this title—

"(1) The term 'Board' means the Federal Coal Mine Safety Board of Review created by section 205.

"(2) The term 'Bureau' means the Bureau of Mines.

"(3) The term 'certified person', when used to designate the kind of person to whom the performance of a duty in connection with the operation of a mine shall be assigned, means a person who is qualified under the laws of the State in which such mine is located to perform such duty, except that in a State the laws of which do not provide for such qualification, the term means a person deemed by the operator of such mine to be qualified to perform such duty.

"(4) The term 'commerce' means trade, traffic, commerce, transportation, or communications between any State, Territory, possession, or the District of Columbia and any other State, Territory, or possession, of the United States, or between any State, Territory, possession, or the District of Columbia and any foreign country, or wholly within any Territory, possession, or through any other State or through any Territory, possession, or the District of Columbia or through any foreign country.

"(5) The term 'Director' means the Director of the Bureau of Mines.

"(6) The term 'duly authorized representative of the Bureau' means a person appointed under section 109 of title I or under section 212 of this title, and authorized in writing by the Director to perform the duties of a duly authorized representative of the Bureau as provided in sections 202, 203, and 206 of this title.

30 USC 4n.
Post, p. 710.

"(7) The term 'mine' means an area of land including everything annexed to it by nature and all structures, machinery, tools, equipment and other property, real or personal, placed upon, under or above its surface by man, used in the work of extracting bituminous coal, lignite or anthracite, from its natural deposits in the earth in such area and in the work of processing the coal so extracted. The term 'mine' does not include any strip mine. The term 'work of processing the coal' as used in this paragraph means the sizing, cleaning, drying, mixing and crushing of bituminous coal, lignite or anthracite, and such other work of processing such coal as is usually done by the operator, and does not mean crushing, coking, or distillation of such coal or such other work of processing such coal as is usually done by a consumer or others in connection with the utilization of such coal.

"(8) The term 'operator' means the person, partnership, association or corporation operating a mine and owning the right to do so.