

Suspension of
compliance.

States or on the Canal Zone; (3) that nothing in this Act shall prohibit the continued employment of any person who shall have rendered fifteen or more years of faithful and honorable service on the Canal Zone; (4) that in the selection of personnel for skilled, technical, administrative, clerical, supervisory, or executive positions, the controlling factors in filling these positions shall be efficiency, experience, training, and education; (5) that all citizens of Panama and the United States rendering skilled, technical, clerical, administrative, executive, or supervisory service on the Canal Zone under the terms of this Act (a) shall normally be employed not more than forty hours per week, (b) may receive as compensation equal rates of pay based upon rates paid for similar employment in continental United States plus 25 per centum; (6) this entire section shall apply only to persons employed in skilled, technical, clerical, administrative, executive, or supervisory positions on the Canal Zone directly or indirectly by any branch of the United States Government or by any corporation or company whose stock is owned wholly or in part by the United States Government: *Provided further*, That the President may suspend from time to time in whole or in part compliance with this section if he should deem such course to be in the public interest.

60 Stat. 810.

Reimbursement.

SEC. 104. The Governor of the Canal Zone is authorized to employ services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), in an amount not exceeding \$15,000: *Provided*, That the rates for individuals shall not exceed \$100 per diem.

Restrictions.

SEC. 105. Amounts expended by the Panama Canal Company in maintaining defense facilities in standby condition for the Department of Defense, and amounts expended by the Canal Zone Government in providing school and hospital services for agencies of the United States other than the Panama Canal Company and the Canal Zone Government hereafter shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law, be fully reimbursable to the Panama Canal Company or to the Canal Zone Government, as the case may be, by such other agencies.

SEC. 106. No part of the funds of the Canal Zone Government or the Panama Canal Company shall be used after December 31, 1953, for providing free medical and hospital care to employees of the Panama Canal Company or the Canal Zone Government.

Short title.

SEC. 107. No part of the funds of the Panama Canal Company or the Canal Zone Government shall be available hereafter for payment of military personnel assigned to the Panama Canal Company or the Canal Zone Government in excess of their military pay: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to those officers serving as Governor of the Canal Zone and President, Panama Canal Company and as Lieutenant Governor of the Canal Zone.

SEC. 108. This Act may be cited as the "Civil Functions Appropriations Act, 1954".

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Public Law 154

CHAPTER 248

July 27, 1953
[S. 2342]

AN ACT

Authorizing the State of California to collect tolls for the use of certain highway crossings across the Bay of San Francisco.

San Francisco-
Oakland bridge,
Calif.
46 Stat. 1193.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the State of California to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the

Bay of San Francisco from the Rincon Hill district in San Francisco by way of Goat Island to Oakland", approved February 20, 1931, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. (a) The State of California is hereby authorized to fix, charge, and collect tolls for the use of the bridge referred to in the first section of this Act, at rates so adjusted as (1) to provide a fund sufficient to pay the reasonable costs of maintaining, repairing, and operating such bridge and its approaches under economical management, (2) to pay the costs of such bridge and its approaches (including reasonable interest, financing, and refunding costs, and suitable reserves), and (3) to repay all sums advanced and required to be repaid under the laws of the State of California heretofore enacted.

Tolls.

"(b) The State of California is authorized to fix, charge, and collect tolls for the use of such bridge to pay the costs of engineering, planning, constructing, reconstructing, making alterations, additions, betterments, improvements, and extensions (including reasonable interest, financing, and refunding costs, and suitable reserves), and the costs of maintaining, repairing, and operating of not to exceed two additional highway crossings across the Bay of San Francisco and their approaches. The State of California is also authorized to fix, charge, and collect tolls for the use of such additional highway crossing or crossings. After a fund shall have been provided from the tolls collected for the use of the bridge referred to in the first section of this Act and from tolls charged for the use of such additional highway crossing or crossings, sufficient to pay all costs referred to in clauses (2) and (3) of subsection (a) and also all costs of such additional highway crossing or crossings and their approaches (including the costs of all reconstruction, alterations, additions, betterments, improvements, and extensions thereof and all interest, financing, and refunding costs, and suitable reserves), such bridge and such additional highway crossing or crossings shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls, or the rates of toll shall thereafter be adjusted so as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper maintenance, repair, and operation of such bridge and such additional highway crossing or crossings, and their approaches, under economical management. An accurate record of the costs of such bridge and such highway crossing or crossings, and their approaches, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same and of the daily tolls collected, shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested."

Highway crossings.

Record.

Approved July 27, 1953.

Public Law 155

CHAPTER 250

AN ACT

Directing the conveyance of certain property to the city of Rupert, Idaho.

July 28, 1953
[S. 122]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to convey by quitclaim deed, without consideration, to the city of Rupert, Idaho, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the lands described in section 2 of this Act: *Provided,* That such conveyance shall be subject to the continued use, without payment of ground or other rental therefor, of the improvements and necessary land presently used for veterans' temporary housing project IDA-V-10147, for so long as they may be needed, under the contract between the city of Rupert and the United States for such project, it being understood that the

Rupert, Idaho.
Conveyance.