48 Stat. 273.

1148a), for making loans under this Act, and for administrative expenses in connection with such loans. Sums received by the Secretary from the liquidation of loans made under this Act shall be added to and become a part of the said revolving fund.

Approved August 31, 1954.

Public Law 728 CHAPTER 1146

August 31, 1954
[S. 3329]

AN ACT

To amend the District of Columbia Police and Firemen's Salary Act of 1953 to correct certain inequities.

D. C. police and firemen's salaries.
67 Stat. 74.
D. C. Code 4-814.
D. C. Code 4-813.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (d) of section 102 of the District of Columbia Police and Firemen's Salary Act of 1953, approved June 20, 1953 (67 Stat. 77), as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(d) The minimum basic salaries contained in subsection (a) of section 101 of this Act in the grade or rank of Chief of Police shall not be increased by more than four longevity increases, nor shall the minimum basic salaries of grades or ranks below that of Chief of Police be increased by more than five longevity increases."

SEC. 2. Section 102 of said Act is amended by adding thereto the following new subsection:

"(f) In initially adjusting salaries in accordance with the provisions of this section, any officer or member promoted from a lower grade to a higher grade prior to July 1, 1953, shall receive credit for such part of continuous service in both grades for longevity purposes as is necessary to establish his basic salary, including longevity pay, at least equal to the basic salary he would have received under the provisions of this section in the lower grade had such promotion not been made. Service for future longevity increases of any officer or member whose salary is adjusted under authority of this subsection shall begin as of the date such adjustment became effective."

D. C. Code 4-816.

SEC. 3. Subsection (d) of section 202 of said Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

D. C. Code 4-815.

"(d) The minimum basic salaries contained in subsection (a) of section 201 of this Act in the grade or rank of Fire Chief shall not be increased by more than four longevity increases, nor shall the minimum basic salaries of grades or ranks below that of Fire Chief be increased by more than five longevity increases."

SEC. 4. Section 202 of said Act is amended by adding thereto the following new subsection:

"(f) In initially adjusting salaries in accordance with the provisions of this section, any officer or member promoted from a lower grade to a higher grade prior to July 1, 1953, shall receive credit for such part of continuous service in both grades for longevity purposes as is necessary to establish his basic salary, including longevity pay, at least equal to the basic salary he would have received under the provisions of this section in the lower grade had such promotion not been made. Service for future longevity increases of any officer or member whose salary is adjusted under authority of this subsection shall begin as of the date such adjustment became effective."

D. C. Code 4-815.

SEC. 5. Section 201 of the District of Columbia Police and Firemen's Salary Act of 1953 is amended by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

Fire Department privates.

"(b) The annual basic salary of a private of any class of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia shall be increased by—

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"(1) $390, while he is assigned to duty as an aide to the Fire Chief or to a Deputy or Battalion Fire Chief;

"(2) $208, while he is assigned to duty as a regular first driver-operator of a fire department hose wagon, aerial ladder truck, rescue squad, or fire department ambulance;

"(3) $390, while he is assigned to duty as a chief radio technician; and

"(4) $208, while he is assigned to duty as a chief photographer."

Effective date.

SEC. 6. Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall take effect as of July 1, 1953, and section 5 shall take effect on the first day of the first pay period of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia which begins after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Approved August 31, 1954.

Public Law 729 CHAPTER 1147

AN ACT

August 31, 1954
[S. 3447]

To amend the Internal Revenue Code to permit the filling of oral prescriptions for certain drugs, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2554 (c) (1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 is amended to read as follows:

Narcotic drugs.
Oral prescriptions.
68A Stat. 942, 551.

"(1) USE OF DRUGS IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.—To the dispensing or distribution of narcotic drugs to a patient by a physician, dentist, veterinary surgeon, or other practitioner, registered under section 3221, in the course of his professional practice only: *Provided*, That such physician, dentist, veterinary surgeon, or other practitioner, shall keep a record of all such drugs dispensed or distributed, showing the amount dispensed or distributed, the date, and the name and address of the patient to whom such drugs are dispensed or distributed, except such as may be dispensed or distributed to a patient upon whom such physician, dentist, veterinary surgeon, or other practitioner, shall personally attend; and such record shall be kept for a period of two years from the date of dispensing or distributing such drugs, subject to inspection, as provided in section 2556."

68A Stat. 946, 555.

68A Stat. 942, 567.

SEC. 2. Section 2554 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 is amended to read as follows:

"(2) PRESCRIPTION.—To the sale, dispensing, or distribution of narcotic drugs by a dealer to a consumer under and in pursuance of a written prescription issued by a physician, dentist, veterinary surgeon, or other practitioner, registered under section 3221: *Provided, however*, That (1) such prescription shall be dated as of the day on which signed and shall be signed by the physician, dentist, veterinary surgeon, or other practitioner, who shall have issued the same; (2) that such dealer shall preserve such prescription for a period of two years from the day on which such prescription is filled in such a way as to be readily accessible to inspection by the officers, agents, employees, and officials mentioned in section 2556.

"In lieu of a written prescription for such narcotic drugs or compounds of a narcotic drug which the Secretary, in his discretion (after considering any views expressed on the subject by the Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service; the Commissioner, United States Food and Drug Administration, the respective heads of State narcotic law enforcement agencies, and