

States for a period of at least ninety days at any time on or after September 16, 1940, and prior to the termination of the Korean conflict as determined by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress, and is honorably discharged from the military or naval forces and who makes homestead entry subsequent to such discharge shall have the period of such service, not exceeding two years, construed to be equivalent to residence and cultivation upon the land for the same length of time."

(b) The proviso at the end of the first section of such Act is amended to read as follows: "*Provided*, That such compliance shall include bona fide cultivation of at least one-eighth of the area entered under the homestead laws: *Provided further*, That no person who has served in the military or naval forces of the United States for a period of at least ninety days at any time on or after September 16, 1940, and prior to the termination of the Korean conflict as determined by Presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the Congress, and is honorably discharged shall be disqualified from making homestead entry or from any other benefits of this Act merely by reason of not having reached the age of twenty-one years."

(c) Section 4 of such Act is amended by striking out "ten years" and inserting in lieu thereof "fifteen years".

Approved June 18, 1954.

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CHAPTER 307

AN ACT

June 18, 1954
[S. 3096]

To further amend section 4 of the Act of September 9, 1950, in relation to the utilization in an enlisted grade or rank in the Armed Forces of physicians, dentists, or those in an allied specialist category.

Armed Forces
physicians, etc.
Appointments.
50 USC app.
454a.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) of section 4 of the Act of September 9, 1950 (64 Stat. 828), as that section was amended by section 3 of the Act of June 29, 1953 (67 Stat. 87), is amended by adding the following proviso at the end thereof: "*Provided*, That any person heretofore or hereafter inducted or ordered to active duty under the authority of this Act who fails to qualify for, or to accept, a commission or whose commission is terminated may be utilized in his professional capacity in an enlisted grade or rank."

Approved June 18, 1954.

Public Law 404

CHAPTER 308

AN ACT

June 18, 1954
[S. 2761]

To approve repayment contracts negotiated with the Hermiston and West Extension Irrigation Districts, Oregon, and to authorize their execution, and for other purposes.

Oregon.
Repayment con-
tracts.
53 Stat. 1192.
43 USC 485f.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the repayment contracts negotiated as provided in subsection (a) of section 7 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187) by the Secretary of the Interior with the Hermiston Irrigation District dated September 9, 1952, and the West Extension Irrigation District dated September 6, 1952, are approved and the Secretary is authorized to execute them on behalf of the United States.