

officers of the executive branch of the Government of the United States who are not domiciled within the District of Columbia, whose appointment to the office held by them was by the President of the United States, subject to confirmation by the Senate, and whose tenure of office is at the pleasure of the President."

Flight from  
scene of accident.

SEC. 7. Subsection (b) of section 10 of such Act (43 Stat. 1124), as amended (sec. 40-609 (b), D. C. Code, 1951 edition), is amended by striking the third sentence thereof.

SEC. 8. Section 10 of such Act (43 Stat. 1124), as amended (sec. 40-609, D. C. Code, 1951 edition), is amended by adding two new subsections "(d)" and "(e)", to read as follows:

Revocation of  
operator's permit,  
etc.

"(d) The Commissioners or their designated agent shall revoke the operator's permit or the privilege to drive a motor vehicle in the District of Columbia, or revoke both such permit and privilege, of any person who is convicted in the District of any of the following offenses:

"(1) Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug.

"(2) Any homicide committed by means of a motor vehicle.

"(3) Leaving the scene of an accident in which the motor vehicle driven by him was involved and in which there is bodily injury, without giving assistance or making known his identity and address and the identity and address of the owner of said vehicle.

"(4) Reckless driving involving bodily injury.

"(5) Any felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle is involved.

"(e) Whenever a judgment of conviction of any offense set forth in subsection (d) has become final, the clerk of the court in which the judgment was entered shall certify such conviction to the Commissioners or their designated agent, who shall thereupon take the action required by subsection (d) of this section. A judgment of conviction shall be deemed to have become final for the purposes of this subsection—

"(1) if no appeal is taken from the judgment, upon the expiration of the time within which an appeal could have been taken, or

"(2) if an appeal is taken from the judgment, the date upon which the judgment, having been sustained, can no longer be appealed from or reviewed on a writ of certiorari."

Effective date.

SEC. 9. This Act shall become effective thirty days after its enactment.

Approved August 16, 1954.

Public Law 597

CHAPTER 751

AN ACT

August 17, 1954  
[S. 3137]

To make the provisions of the Act of August 28, 1937, relating to the conservation of water resources in the arid and semiarid areas of the United States, applicable to the entire United States, and to increase and revise the limitation on aid available under the provisions of the said Act, and for other purposes.

Water facility  
loans.

*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 to promote conservation in the arid and semiarid areas of the United States by aiding in the development of facilities for water storage and utilization, and for other purposes", approved August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 869), is amended—

16 USC 590r-  
590x.  
16 USC 590r.

(1) By deleting the phrase "in the arid and semiarid areas of the United States" from the first sentence in the first section;

(2) By deleting the phrase "in the arid and semiarid areas of the United States" in the last sentence of the first section and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "in the United States, including the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands".

(3) By deleting the phrase "in the said areas" wherever it appears in section 2.

(4) By inserting at the end of said Act the following new sections:

"SEC. 8. No aid shall be extended under the provisions of this Act which will result in any individual, partnership, trust, estate, corporation engaged in farming, or unincorporated association becoming indebted to the United States in a principal amount outstanding at any time in excess of \$25,000, or which will result in any other corporation or agency becoming indebted in a principal amount outstanding at any time in excess of \$250,000, or which after January 1, 1954, shall provide for construction work, other than technical assistance, being done by the Secretary.

"SEC. 9. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized, upon such terms and conditions as he shall prescribe, to make loans for the purposes of financing the improvement of farm land by soil or water conserving or drainage facilities, structures or practices, improvement of soil fertility, establishment of improved permanent pasture, sustained yield afforestation or reforestation, or other erosion preventatives, and such other related measures as may be determined from time to time by the Secretary.

"SEC. 10. (a) In order to establish a program of insuring loans made by lenders other than the United States which comply with the requirements of this Act and are in furtherance of its objectives, the Secretary of Agriculture—

"(1) is authorized to insure and make commitments to insure such loans on such terms and conditions as he may prescribe;

"(2) is authorized to include in insurance contracts agreements to service loans insured thereunder and to purchase such loans which are not in default on such terms and conditions as he may prescribe;

"(3) shall utilize the insurance fund (hereinafter called the Fund) created by section 11 of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, and the provisions of sections 13 (b) and (c) of the said Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act to discharge obligations under insurance contracts made pursuant to this Act;

"(4) shall require the borrower to pay such insurance charges as he deems proper, taking into account the amount of the loan and prior liens: *Provided, however,* That the charge shall be payable in advance at intervals of one year or less and shall be at a rate equal to at least 1 per centum per annum of the principal outstanding on the loan insured on the due date of the charge;

"(5) may utilize the Fund to pay taxes, insurance, prior liens, and other expenses to protect the security for loans which have been insured hereunder, and to acquire such security property at foreclosure sale or otherwise;

"(6) shall liquidate acquired security property in such manner and on such terms as he deems will best preserve the Fund; and

"(7) shall have authority to make such rules and regulations and such delegations of authority as he deems appropriate in order to carry out the provisions of this Act.

"(b) Notes and the security therefor acquired by the Secretary under insurance contracts shall become a part of the Fund. The notes may be held in the Fund and collected according to their terms or

16 USC 590s.

Limitations.

Farm land improvement.

Loans by other than U. S. Insurance program.

50 Stat. 1072.  
7 USC 1005a,  
1005c.

may be sold and reinsured. All proceeds from such collections, including the liquidation of security, and sales shall become a part of the Fund.

“(c) One-half of all insurance charges shall become a part of the Fund and one-half shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States and shall be available for administrative expenses in connection with the insurance program authorized by this Act.

7 USC 1005a,  
1005c.

“(d) Any contract of insurance executed by the Secretary under this Act shall be an obligation of the United States and incontestable except for fraud or misrepresentation of which the holder of the contract has actual knowledge. The provisions of sections 11 and 13 (b) and (c) of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, shall be applicable and available for the purpose of providing funds for the discharge of obligations arising under the insurance program authorized by this Act.

Limitation.

“(e) The aggregate amount of the principal obligations on loans insured under this Act, shall not exceed \$25,000,000 in any one fiscal year.

38 Stat. 273.

“(f) The first paragraph of section 24, chapter 6, of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended (12 U. S. C., 1952 edition, 371) is hereby amended by inserting after the phrase ‘Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act’ the following: ‘, or the Act of August 28, 1937, as amended.’”

Repeal.

SEC. 2. Section 7 of the Act entitled “An Act authorizing construction of water conservation and utilization projects in the Great Plains and arid and semiarid areas of the United States”, approved August 11, 1939, as amended (53 Stat. 1418; 54 Stat. 1119, 1124; 63 Stat. 171), is repealed.

16 USC 590z-5.

Approved August 17, 1954.

## Public Law 598

## CHAPTER 752

### AN ACT

August 17, 1954  
[S. 3681]

To authorize the Civil Service Commission to make available group life insurance for civilian officers and employees in the Federal service, and for other purposes.

Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Act of 1954.  
Eligible employees.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the “Federal Employees’ Group Life Insurance Act of 1954.”

Regulations by CSC.

SEC. 2. (a) Except as provided in (b) of this section, each appointive or elective officer or employee (hereinafter called employee) in or under the executive, judicial, or legislative branch of the United States Government, including a Government owned or controlled corporation (but not including any corporation under the supervision of the Farm Credit Administration of which corporation any member of the board of directors is elected or appointed by private interests), and of the municipal government of the District of Columbia shall, at such time and under such conditions of eligibility as the Civil Service Commission (hereinafter called the Commission) may by regulation prescribe, come within the purview of this Act. Such regulations may provide for the exclusion of employees on the basis of the nature and type of employment or conditions pertaining thereto such as, but not limited to, short term appointments, seasonal or intermittent employment, part-time employment, and employment of like nature, and shall be issued only after consultation with the head of the department, establishment, agency, or other employing authority concerned: *Provided*, That no employee or group of employees shall be excluded solely on the basis of the hazardous nature of employment.