

Public Law 226

CHAPTER 548

AN ACT

For the relief of desert land entrymen whose entries are dependent upon percolating waters for reclamation.

August 4, 1955
[S. 1177]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the requirement of section 1 of the Desert Land Act of March 3, 1877 (19 Stat. 377), that the right to the use of water by a desert land entryman "shall depend upon bona fide prior appropriation" shall be waived in the case of all desert land entries which have heretofore been allowed and are subsisting on the effective date of this Act, which are dependent upon percolating waters for their reclamation, and which are situated in the State of Arizona under the laws of which the percolating waters upon which the entries are dependent are not subject to the doctrine of prior appropriation but are usable under State law for irrigation and reclamation purposes.

Approved August 4, 1955.

Desert land entrymen. Relief. 43 USC 321.

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CHAPTER 549

AN ACT

To provide for the payment of compensation to officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force, the United States Park Police force, the White House Police force, and the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, for duty performed on their days off, when such days off are suspended during an emergency.

August 4, 1955
[S. 2427]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to provide a five-day week for officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force, the United States Park Police force, and the White House Police force", approved August 15, 1950, as amended (D. C. Code, sec. 4-904), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(f) Whenever the granting of days off has been suspended and discontinued pursuant to this section, each officer and member shall be entitled to receive, in addition to his annual basic salary, compensation at the basic daily rate for each day of duty which he performs by reason of the suspension and discontinuance of his days off under this section. Any officer or member so performing duty shall be entitled to all rights, benefits, and privileges, and shall be subject to all obligations and duties to which he is entitled or to which he is subject on any regular workday. Such compensation shall be treated for the purpose of computing retirement compensation or relief payments, or for deduction, in the same manner as is compensation for duty voluntarily performed under subsection (e) of this section."

SEC. 2. Subsection (b) of section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Act entitled 'An Act to classify the officers and members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes', approved June 20, 1906, and for other purposes", approved June 19, 1948 (62 Stat. 499), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Whenever the granting of days off has been suspended and discontinued pursuant to this subsection, each officer and member shall be entitled to receive, in addition to his annual basic salary, compensation at the basic daily rate for each day of duty which he performs by reason of the suspension and discontinuance of his days off under this subsection. Any officer or member so performing duty

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65 Stat. 27.

D. C. Code 4-404a.

shall be entitled to all rights, benefits, and privileges, and shall be subject to all obligations and duties, to which he is entitled or to which he is subject on any regular workday. Additional compensation paid under this subsection shall not be considered as salary for the purpose of computing retirement compensation or relief payments under section 12 of the Act entitled 'An Act making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes', approved September 1, 1916, as amended, nor shall such additional compensation be subject to deduction as provided in section 5 of the Act entitled 'An Act to fix the salaries of officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force and the Fire Department of the District of Columbia', approved July 1, 1930, as amended."

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1955.

Approved August 4, 1955.

39 Stat. 718.
D. C. Code 4-501
to 4-517, *passim*.

46 Stat. 840; 63
Stat. 566.
D. C. Code 4-503,
4-504.

Effective date.

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CHAPTER 550

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August 4, 1955
[S. 2592]

To increase the mileage allowance of United States marshals and their deputies from 7 cents per mile to 10 cents per mile.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph (3) of section 553 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking out "7 cents" and inserting in lieu thereof "10 cents".

63 Stat. 100.

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CHAPTER 551

AN ACT

August 4, 1955
[H.R. 2150]

To further amend section 106 of the Army-Navy Nurses Act of 1947 so as to provide for certain adjustments in the dates of rank of nurses and women medical specialists of the Regular Army and Regular Air Force in the permanent grade of captain, 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 106 of the Army-Navy Nurses Act of 1947 (61 Stat. 44, ch. 38), as amended, is further amended by inserting the letter "(a)" immediately following the words "Sec. 106." and by adding the following subsections at the end thereof.

Army - Navy
nurses.
Promotion lists.
10 USC 166e.

"(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the Secretary of the Army shall, before January 1, 1956, adjust the dates of rank of all commissioned officers of the Army Nurse Corps and Women's Medical Specialist Corps of the Regular Army in the permanent grade of captain to reflect the total amount of service creditable to each such officer for promotion purposes under existing law. When that adjustment is made, such officer shall be given precedence for promotion purposes in accordance with their adjusted dates of rank. If two or more officers have the same date of rank, rank shall be determined—

"(1) by length of continuous active commissioned service in the regular components of the Armed Forces;

"(2) if the length of continuous active commissioned service in the regular components of the Armed Forces is the same, by rank established at the time of original appointment in the regular component of an armed force; and