SEC. 2. Section 1 of said Act of August 18, 1941, is further amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a colon and by inserting thereafter: "*Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to prescribe by regulations the extent to which, the times when, and the means by which, walruses may be taken for purposes other than food and clothing and the extent to which such walruses or the parts thereof may be possessed, sold, bartered, purchased, or exported. Any regulations so prescribed shall prohibit the hunting of walruses with the use of airplanes and helicopters and shall prohibit the taking of any walrus by a nonnative other than one bull walrus per year which may be taken only when the nonnative is accompanied by a native guide. The meat of any walrus taken by a nonnative shall be given to natives, and the Secretary of the Interior is directed to prohibit the taking of walruses by nonnatives whenever he determines that such taking may endanger the food supply of the natives. No nonnative shall take any walrus under any regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior without first having procured a walrus hunting license which shall be issued in the manner prescribed by subdivision I, section 10, of the Alaska game law of January 13, 1925, as amended (43 Stat. 744; 48 U. S. C. 199). The fee for such license shall be $25 for nonnative residents of the Territory of Alaska and $50 for nonresidents. For the purposes of this Act, residence shall be governed by the conditions prescribed in section 3 of said Alaska game law. After deducting the amount that may be retained as compensation by persons authorized to sell such licenses, the amount of such retained compensation to be determined in accordance with subdivision K of section 10 of said Alaska game law, the proceeds from the sale of walrus hunting licenses shall be accounted for and disposed of in the manner prescribed by the said subdivision K."

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AN ACT

June 29, 1956
[H. R. 8922]

To provide for the relief of certain members of the uniformed services.

Armed Forces.
Reenlistment bonuses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all payments of reenlistment bonuses heretofore made under the provisions of section 208 of the Career Compensation Act of 1949, as added by section 2 of the Act of July 16, 1954 (68 Stat. 488), are hereby validated to the extent that such bonuses were computed on the basis that reenlistments entered into by the member concerned subsequent to September 30, 1949, for which he did not receive a reenlistment bonus under section 207 of the Career Compensation Act of 1949, were not counted in determining the reenlistment involved. Any member who has made repayment to the United States of any amount so paid to him as a reenlistment bonus is entitled to have refunded the amount repaid.

37 USC 239.

63 Stat. 811; 68 Stat. 488.
37 USC 238.

SEC. 2. The Comptroller General of the United States, or his designee, shall relieve disbursing officers, including special disbursing agents, of the United States, from accountability for any payments described in section 1 of this Act, and shall allow credits in the settlement of the accounts of those officers or agents for payments which are found to be free from fraud and collusion.

SEC. 3. Appropriations available for the pay and allowances of members of the uniformed services, as defined in the Career Compensation Act of 1949, are available for refunds under this Act.

37 USC 231 note.

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