

grade above colonel on the last day of each fiscal year may not be more than the number of general officers authorized in title III of the Officer Grade Limitation Act of 1954 (68 Stat. 69; 10 U. S. C. 1843 et seq.) for the total number of commissioned officers of the Air Force on active duty as of that date, as determined by the Secretary of the Air Force. When the application of the percentage above specified results in a fraction, a fraction of one-half or more is counted as one, and a fraction of less than one-half is disregarded. General officers on the active list of the Regular Air Force who are specially authorized by law to hold any civil office under the United States, or any instrumentality thereof, are not counted in determining authorized strength under this Act."

Report to con-
gressional com-
mittees.

SEC. 303. The names of officers appointed under the provisions of section 103 (a) (4) and section 201 (d), together with the grades to which appointed and the justification therefor, shall be submitted to the Committees on Armed Services of the House and Senate not later than July 15, 1958, and each year thereafter.

Repeals.

34 USC 17c.

61 Stat. 890.

SEC. 304. The following are repealed:

(1) Section 5 of the Act of August 9, 1955 (69 Stat. 607).

(2) Section 506 of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 (10 U. S. C. 506c).

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CHAPTER 647

July 20, 1956
[H. R. 11402]

AN ACT

To extend the existing application of the Temporary Promotion Act of 1941, as amended, to the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

Coast Guard.
Temporary pro-
motions.
62 Stat. 302.

63 Stat. 497.
Commissioned
officers.
Number, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 16 of the Act of July 23, 1947 (ch. 301, 61 Stat. 413), as amended, is amended by deleting the words "January 1, 1957" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "January 1, 1962".

SEC. 2. Section 42 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the words "two thousand two hundred and fifty" in the first sentence of the section and inserting in lieu thereof the words "three thousand", and by amending the fifth sentence of the section to read as follows: "The Secretary shall, at least once each year, make such a computation, and the resulting numbers in the various grades as so computed shall be held and considered for all purposes as the authorized number in such various grades, except that the authorized number for a grade is temporarily increased during the period between one computation and the next by the number of officers originally appointed in that grade during that period and the number of officers of that grade for whom vacancies exist in the next higher grade but whose promotion has been delayed for any reason."

SEC. 3. (a) Title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting the following new section:

"§ 439. Oath of Office.

"A commissioned or warrant officer of the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve who has served continuously since he subscribed to the oath of office prescribed in section 16 of title 5, is not required to take a new oath upon his promotion to a higher grade."

(b) The analysis of chapter 11, title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting the following item:

"439. Oath of Office".

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23 Stat. 22.