

SEC. 13. Such provisions, privileges, and prerogatives as have been granted heretofore to other national veterans' organizations by virtue of their being incorporated by Congress are hereby granted and accrue to the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

SEC. 14. (a) No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure to any member, director, officer, or employee of the corporation or be distributable to any person during the life of the corporation or upon its dissolution or final liquidation. Nothing in this subsection, however, shall be construed to prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to officers and employees of the corporation or to prevent their reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the corporation's board of directors.

(b) The corporation shall not make loans to its members, officers, directors, or employees. Any director who votes for or assents to the making of such a loan, and any officer who participates in the making of such a loan, shall be jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of such loan until the repayment thereof.

SEC. 15. The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority.

SEC. 16. The provisions of sections 2 and 3 of the Act of August 30, 1964 (36 U.S.C. 1102, 1103), entitled "An Act to provide for audit of accounts of private corporations established under Federal law" shall apply with respect to the corporation.

SEC. 17. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved August 11, 1971.

Liability.

78 Stat. 636.

Public Law 92-94

AN ACT

To amend section 8 of the Act approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 974), as amended, to standardize procedures for the testing of utility meters; to add a penalty provision in order to enable certification under section 5(a) of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968, and to authorize cooperative action with State and Federal regulatory bodies on matters of joint interest.

August 11, 1971
[H. R. 2591]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 8 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 fourteen, and for other purposes", approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 974, as amended; D.C. Code, sec. 43-101 et seq.), is amended as follows:

D.C.
Public utilities.

(a) The first two paragraphs of paragraph 57 (D.C. Code, sec. 43-603) are amended to read as follows:

Gas meter inspectors, duties.

"57. That the commission shall appoint inspectors of gas meters, whose duty it shall be, when required by the commission, to inspect, examine, and ascertain the accuracy of gas meters used or intended to be used for measuring and ascertaining the quantity of gas furnished for light, heat, or power by any person or corporation to or for the use of any person or corporation.

"No corporation or person shall furnish, set, or put in use any gas meter which shall not have been inspected and proved for accuracy, or any meter the type of which shall not have been approved by the commission or by an inspector of the commission."

(b) Paragraph 85 (D.C. Code, sec. 43-906) is amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

Penalty.

"Any person who violates any regulation issued by the commission governing safety of pipeline facilities and the transportation of gas,

shall be subject to a civil penalty of not to exceed \$1,000 for each such violation for each day that such violation persists. However, the maximum civil penalty shall not exceed \$200,000 for any related series of violations.

Compromise,
determination.

"Any such civil penalty may be compromised by the commission. In determining the amount of such penalty, or the amount agreed upon in compromise, the appropriateness of such penalty to the size of the business of the person charged, the gravity of the violation, and the good faith of the person charged in attempting to achieve compliance, after notification of a violation, shall be considered. The amount of such penalty when finally determined, or the amount agreed upon in compromise, may be deducted from any sums owing by the District of Columbia to the person charged or may be recovered in a civil action in the District of Columbia courts."

Joint action.
37 Stat. 995.

(c) Paragraph 96 (D.C. Code, sec. 43-207) is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

"The commission may act jointly or concurrently with any official board or commission of the United States or any State thereof in any proceeding relating to the regulation of any public service company. Any such action may be under an interstate compact or agreement, or under the concurrent power of the States to regulate interstate commerce, or as an agency of the Federal Government, or otherwise."

Effective date.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect on the date of its enactment.

Approved August 11, 1971.

Public Law 92-95

AN ACT

August 11, 1971
[H. R. 943]

To provide mortgage protection life insurance for service-connected disabled veterans who have received grants for specially adapted housing.

Disabled veter-
ans.
Mortgage protec-
tion life insur-
ance.

72 Stat. 1168.
38 USC 801.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"§ 806. Mortgage Protection Life Insurance

"(a) The Administrator is authorized, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (41 U.S.C. 5), to purchase from one or more life insurance companies a policy or policies of mortgage protection life insurance on a group basis to provide the benefits specified in this section.

Effective date.

"(b) Any policy of insurance purchased by the Administrator under this section shall be placed in effect on a date determined by the Administrator and shall automatically insure any eligible veteran who is or has been granted assistance in securing a suitable housing unit under this chapter against the death of the veteran, unless the veteran elects in writing not to be insured under this section or fails to timely respond to a request from the Administrator for information on which his premium can be based.

Amount.

"(c) The initial amount of insurance provided hereunder shall not exceed the lesser of the following amounts: (1) \$30,000, (2) the amount of the loan outstanding on such housing unit on the date insurance under this section is placed in effect, or (3) in the case of a veteran granted assistance in securing a housing unit on or after such date the amount of the original loan. The amount of such insurance shall be reduced according to the amortization schedule of the loan and at no time shall exceed the amount of the outstanding loan with interest. If