

Employment of services, etc.

may determine, all lines of battle of the troops engaged in the Battle of Moores Creek, and other historical points of interest pertaining to the battle within the park or its vicinity; and the Secretary of War in establishing this military park is authorized to employ such labor and services and to obtain such supplies and material as may be considered best for the interest of the Government, and the Secretary of War shall make and enforce all needed regulations for the care of the park.

Marking lines of battle by State troops.

SEC. 4. It shall be lawful for any State that had troops engaged in the battle of the Moores Creek National Military Park, to enter upon the same for the purpose of ascertaining and marking the lines of battle of its troops engaged therein: *Provided*, That before any such lines are permanently designated the position of the lines and the proposed methods of marking them by monuments, tablets, or otherwise, shall be submitted to and approved by the Secretary of War; and all such lines, designs, and inscriptions for the same shall first receive the written approval of the Secretary of War.

Proviso.
Submission for approval by the Secretary.

Defacing monuments, injuring property, etc., prohibited.

SEC. 5. If any person shall, except by permission of the Secretary of War, destroy, deface, injure, or remove any monument, column, statues, memorial structures, or work of art, which shall be placed upon the grounds of the park by lawful authority, or shall destroy or remove any fence, railing, inclosure, or other mark for the protection or ornamentation of said park, or any portion thereof, or shall destroy, cut, hack, bark, break down, or otherwise injure any tree, brush, or shrubbery that may be growing upon said park, or shall cut down or remove or fell any timber, battle relic, tree, or tree growing upon said park, or hunt within the limits of the park, any person so offending and found guilty thereof before any justice of the peace of the county of Pender, State of North Carolina, shall, for each and every offense, forfeit and pay a fine, in the discretion of the justice, according to the aggravation of the offense, of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50, one half for the use of the park and the other half to the informer, to be enforced and recovered before such justice in like manner as fines of like nature are now by law recoverable in the said county of Pender, State of North Carolina.

Penalty imposed by a justice of the peace of Pender County, N. C.

Approved, June 2, 1926.

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[Public, No. 325.]

CHAP. 449.—An Act To amend section 301 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924.

Military and naval insurance.
Vol. 43, p. 1309, amended.

Term insurance to be converted into other forms.

Conversion rights.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 301 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, approved June 7, 1924, as amended March 4, 1925, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 301. Except as provided in the second paragraph of this section, not later than July 2, 1927, all term yearly renewable insurance held by persons who were in the military service after April 6, 1917, shall be converted, without medical examination, into such form or forms of insurance as may be prescribed by regulations and as the insured may request. Regulations shall provide for the right to convert into ordinary life, twenty-payment life, endowment maturing at age sixty-two, five-year level premium term, and into other usual forms of insurance, and for reconversion of any such policies to a higher premium rate in accordance with regulations to be issued by the director, and shall prescribe the time and method of payment of the premiums thereon, but payments of premiums in advance shall not be required for periods of more than one month each, and may be deducted from the pay or deposit of the insured or be otherwise made at his election.

"All yearly renewable term insurance shall cease on July 2, 1927, except when death or total permanent disability shall have occurred before July 2, 1927: *Provided, however,* That the director may by regulation extend the time for the continuing of yearly renewable term insurance and the conversion thereof in any case where on July 2, 1927, conversion of such yearly renewable term insurance is impracticable or impossible due to the mental condition or disappearance of the insured.

"In case where an insured whose yearly renewable term insurance has matured by reason of total permanent disability is found and declared to be no longer permanently and totally disabled, and where the insured is required under regulations to renew payment of premiums on said term insurance, and where this contingency is extended beyond the period during which said yearly renewable term insurance otherwise must be converted, there shall be given such insured an additional period of two years from the date on which he is required to renew payment of premiums in which to convert said term insurance as hereinbefore provided: *Provided,* That where the time for conversion has been extended under the second paragraph of this section because of the mental condition or disappearance of the insured, there shall be allowed to the insured an additional period of two years from the date on which he recovers from his mental disability or reappears in which to convert.

"The insurance except as provided herein shall be payable in two hundred and forty equal monthly installments: *Provided,* That when the amount of an individual monthly payment is less than \$5, such amount may in the discretion of the director be allowed to accumulate without interest and be disbursed annually. Provisions for maturity at certain ages, for continuous installments during the life of the insured or beneficiaries, or both, for cash, loan, paid up and extended values, dividends from gains and savings, and such other provisions for the protection and advantage of and for alternative benefits to the insured and the beneficiaries as may be found to be reasonable and practicable, may be provided for in the contract of insurance, or from time to time by regulations. All calculations shall be based upon the American Experience Table of Mortality and interest at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per centum per annum, except that no deduction shall be made for continuous installments during the life of the insured in case his total and permanent disability continues more than two hundred and forty months. Subject to regulations, the insured shall at all times have the right to change the beneficiary or beneficiaries without the consent of such beneficiary or beneficiaries, but only within the classes herein provided.

"If no beneficiary within the permitted class be designated by the insured as beneficiary for converted insurance granted under the provisions of Article IV of the War Risk Insurance Act, or Title III of this Act, either in his lifetime or by his last will and testament, or if the designated beneficiary does not survive the insured, then there shall be paid to the estate of the insured the present value of the remaining unpaid monthly installments; or if the designated beneficiary survives the insured and dies before receiving all of the installments of converted insurance payable and applicable, then there shall be paid to the estate of such beneficiary the present value of the remaining unpaid monthly installments: *Provided,* That no payments shall be made to any estate which under the laws of the residence of the insured or the beneficiary, as the case may be, would escheat, but same shall escheat to the United States and be credited to the United States Government life insurance fund.

"The bureau may make provision in the contract for converted insurance for optional settlements, to be selected by the insured,

Yearly renewal term insurance to cease July 2, 1927.

Proviso.
Time extension allowed for mental condition or disappearance.

Insurance matured by total disability.

Renewal authorized if no longer disabled.

Proviso.
Additional period on recovery of mental condition or reappearing.

Mode of payment.

Proviso.
Cumulation of small amounts.

Other provisions authorized.

Calculations, etc.

Change of beneficiaries allowed.

Payment to estate if no beneficiary designated.

If beneficiary die without receiving all installments.

Proviso.
Escheat to United States and credit to fund of payments.

Optional lump sum, etc., payments.

Election of beneficiary to receive installment payments.

whereby such insurance may be made payable either in one sum or in installments for thirty-six months or more. The bureau may also include in said contract a provision authorizing the beneficiary to elect to receive payment of the insurance in installments for thirty-six months or more, but only if the insured has not exercised the right of election as hereinbefore provided; and even though the insured may have exercised his right of election the said contract may authorize the beneficiary to elect to receive such insurance in installments spread over a greater period of time than that selected by the insured. This section shall be deemed to be in effect as of June 7, 1924."

Approved, June 2, 1926.

June 3, 1926.
[H. R. 3837.]

[Public, No. 326.]

CHAP. 455.—An Act Authorizing the Postmaster General to rent quarters for postal purposes without formal contract in certain cases.

Postal service.
R. S., sec. 3709, p. 733, amended.
Vol. 28, p. 34.

Vol. 36, p. 531.

Proviso.
Quarters may be rented without written contract, if not over \$1,000.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by the Act entitled "An Act to amend section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, relating to contracts for supplies in the departments at Washington," approved January 27, 1894 (Twenty-eighth Statutes, pages 33, 34), and as amended further by section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, and for other purposes," approved June 17, 1910 (Thirty-sixth Statutes, page 531), is further amended by adding the following provision:

"*Provided,* That hereafter the Postmaster General in his discretion may rent quarters for postal purposes without entering into a formal written contract in any case where the amount of the rental does not exceed \$1,000 per annum."

Approved, June 3, 1926.

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[H. R. 3842.]

[Public, No. 327.]

CHAP. 456.—An Act Authorizing the Postmaster General to make monthly payment of rental for terminal railway post-office premises under lease.

Postal service.
Terminal railway post offices.

Vol. 41, p. 580, amended.

Proviso.
Leases for twenty years, payable monthly, allowed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proviso attached to the appropriation available for rental of space for terminal railway post offices in the Post Office Appropriation Act, approved April 24, 1920 (Forty-first Statutes, page 580), is amended by striking out the word "quarterly" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "monthly," so that said proviso will read as follows:

"*Provided,* That hereafter the Postmaster General may, in the disbursement of the appropriation for such purposes, apply a part thereof to the purpose of leasing premises for the use of terminal railway post offices at a reasonable annual rental, to be paid monthly, for a term not exceeding twenty years."

Approved, June 3, 1926.

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[H. R. 7889.]

[Public, No. 328.]

CHAP. 457.—An Act To regulate subsistence expenses of civilian officers and employees while absent from their designated posts of duty on official business.

Subsistence Expense Act of 1926.

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 "Subsistence Expense Act of 1926."