

## [CHAPTER 602]

## AN ACT

December 28, 1945  
[H. R. 4683]  
[Public Law 282]

To authorize the Export-Import Bank of Washington to extend its operations to include the Philippine Islands.

Export-Import  
Bank of Washington.  
*Ante*, p. 526.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 2 (a) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 (Public Law 173, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved July 31, 1945) is hereby amended by inserting immediately after the word "country" the following: "(or the Philippine Islands)".

Approved December 28, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 603]

## AN ACT

December 28, 1945  
[S. 576]  
[Public Law 283]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act extending the classified executive civil service of the United States", approved November 26, 1940, so as to eliminate the time limit within which incumbents of positions covered into the classified service pursuant to such Act may be recommended for classification.

Extension of Civil  
Service Act.

5 U. S. C. § 631b.  
Acquisition of  
status.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That clause (1) of subsection (a) of section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act extending the classified executive civil service of the United States", approved November 26, 1940 (54 Stat. 1212), is amended to read as follows: "(1) upon a finding by the Civil Service Commission on the basis of the personal record of the incumbent that such incumbent has served with merit for not less than six months immediately prior to the date such office or position was covered into the classified civil service;".

Approved December 28, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 604]

## AN ACT

December 28, 1945  
[S. 715]  
[Public Law 284]

To provide more efficient dental care for the personnel of the United States Navy.

Bureau of Medicine  
and Surgery, Navy,  
reorganization.

Dental functions of  
Bureau.

Dental Division.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That within six months after the date of enactment of this Act the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery shall be reorganized so as to provide for greater integrity of the Dental Service in accordance with the provisions hereof.

SEC. 2. The dental functions of such Bureau shall be defined and prescribed by appropriate directives of such Bureau, and by any necessary regulations of the Secretary of the Navy, to the end that the Dental Division of such Bureau shall study, plan, and direct all matters coming within the cognizance of such Division, as hereinafter prescribed, and all matters relating to dentistry shall be referred to the Dental Division.

SEC. 3. The Dental Division shall (1) establish professional standards and policies for dental practice; (2) conduct inspections and surveys for maintenance of such standards; (3) initiate and recommend action pertaining to complements, appointments, advancement, training assignment, and transfer of dental personnel; and (4) serve as the advisory agency for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery on all matters relating directly to dentistry. An officer of the Dental Corps of the Navy shall be detailed as the Chief of the Dental Division. Such officer, while so serving, shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of a rear admiral.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Navy shall provide by regulations for establishing on ships and on shore stations dental services to be under the senior dental officer who shall be responsible to the commanding officer of such ship or shore station for all professional, technical, and administrative matters in connection therewith: *Provided*, That this section shall not be construed to impose any administrative requirements which would interfere with the proper functioning of battle organizations.

Administration.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and nothing contained herein shall act to reduce the grade or rank of any person.

Repeal of conflicting laws.

Approved December 28, 1945.

[CHAPTER 605]

AN ACT

To amend the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, so as to permit the designation of freight forwarders as carriers of bonded merchandise.

December 28, 1945  
[S. 914]  
[Public Law 285]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 551 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (U. S. C., 1940 ed., title 19, sec. 1551) be, and it hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Freight forwarders.  
46 Stat. 742.

“SEC. 551. BONDING OF CARRIERS.—Under such regulations and subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, any common carrier of merchandise owning or operating a railroad, steamship, or other transportation line or route for the transportation of merchandise in the United States, or any freight forwarder, as defined in section 402 of part IV of the Interstate Commerce Act (U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. III, title 49, sec. 1002 (5)), upon application, may, in the discretion of the Secretary, be designated as a carrier of bonded merchandise for the final release of which from customs custody a permit has not been issued.”

Designation as carriers of bonded merchandise.

Approved December 28, 1945.

56 Stat. 284.  
49 U. S. C., Supp.  
IV, § 1002 (5).

[CHAPTER 606]

AN ACT

To transfer certain land and personal property in Limestone County, Texas, to the State of Texas, acting by and through the State Board of Control.

December 28, 1945  
[S. 1471]  
[Public Law 286]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to transfer, convey, grant, and quitclaim unto Texas Rural Communities, for subsequent use by or transfer to the State of Texas, acting by and through the State Board of Control, for the benefit and rehabilitation of convalescent or handicapped residents of the State of Texas, all right, title, claim, interest, equity, and estate in and to the real and personal property comprising the Mexia Colony project of Farm Security Administration, Limestone County, Texas, presently administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as trustee under an agreement of transfer, dated October 31, 1939, with Texas Rural Communities.

Limestone County, Tex.  
Conveyance.

SEC. 2. Such transfer by the Secretary of Agriculture shall be subject to any legal rights existing by virtue of any lease or other agreement by the Secretary, his successors or representatives, as such trustee.

Existing rights.

SEC. 3. Any such transfer shall not be deemed to impose any liability upon the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to his obligations under such agreement of transfer of October 31, 1939.

Liability.

Approved December 28, 1945.