

SEC. 6. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated from time to time in fiscal years after 1947-1948 such sums as may be necessary to enable the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior to carry out the purposes of this Act, including all the classes of expenditures enumerated in the foregoing section.

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[CHAPTER 452]

AN ACT

To exclude certain interns, student nurses, and other student-employees of hospitals of the Federal Government from the Classification Act and other laws relating to compensation and benefits of Federal employees, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of section 102 (a) of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945 (Public Law 106, Seventy-ninth Congress), as amended, is amended by striking out "and" before "(5)" and by changing the period at the end of such sentence to a semicolon and adding: "and (6) student nurses, medical or dental interns, residents-in-training, student dietitians, student physical therapists, and student occupational therapists, assigned or attached to a hospital, clinic, or medical or dental laboratory operated by any department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government, or by the District of Columbia, and any other student-employees, assigned or attached to any such hospital, clinic, or laboratory primarily for training purposes, who may be designated by the head of such department, agency, or instrumentality, or by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, as the case may be, with the approval of the Civil Service Commission."

SEC. 2. The Classification Act of 1923, as amended and extended (5 U. S. C., ch. 13), shall not apply to student nurses, medical or dental interns, residents-in-training, student dietitians, student physical therapists, and student occupational therapists, assigned or attached to a hospital, clinic, or medical or dental laboratory operated by any department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government, or by the District of Columbia, and any other student-employees, assigned or attached to any such hospital, clinic, or laboratory primarily for training purposes, who may be designated by the head of such department, agency, or instrumentality, or by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, as the case may be, with the approval of the Civil Service Commission.

SEC. 3. The heads of the departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Federal Government and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall prescribe stipends to be paid to persons included in section 2 of this Act who are at their respective hospitals, clinics, or laboratories; but no such stipend shall be in excess of the applicable maximum prescribed by the Civil Service Commission. Such persons may be provided living quarters, subsistence, and laundering while at the hospitals, clinics, or laboratories and, when so furnished, the reasonable value thereof, as prescribed by the head of the department, agency, or instrumentality concerned, or by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, as the case may be, shall be deducted from their stipends; but such deductions may not be less than the lowest deduction applicable to regular employees at the same hospital, clinic, or laboratory for similar accommodations.

SEC. 4. Any person included in section 2 of this Act who suffers disability or death as a result of personal injury arising out of and in the course of training, or sustained in the performance of duties in connection therewith, shall be treated, for the purposes of the Act of

Appropriations authorized after 1947-1948.

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Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, amendment.

59 Stat. 296.
5 U. S. C. § 902 (a).

Exemptions from coverage of student-employees attached to hospitals, etc.

42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674.

Stipends, etc.

Injury in course of training.

39 Stat. 742.
5 U. S. C. §§ 751-801.
Ante, p. 451.

Service credit.

46 Stat. 468.
5 U. S. C. §§ 691-738.

Temporary detail,
etc.

Travel expenses.

44 Stat. 688.
5 U. S. C. §§ 821-834.

Rights, etc., of stu-
dent nurses.

57 Stat. 153.

59 Stat. 675.
38 U. S. C. §§ 15-
15n.

Availability of
funds.

September 7, 1916, as amended (5 U. S. C., ch. 15), as though he were an employee, as defined in such Act, who had sustained such injury in the performance of duty.

SEC. 5. Persons included under section 2 of this Act shall not be subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended (5 U. S. C. ch. 14), except that in the event any such person later becomes subject to the provisions of such Retirement Act, his service as a student employee shall be credited in accordance with the provisions of such Retirement Act.

SEC. 6. If any person included in section 2 is, pursuant to the order of the head of the department, agency, or instrumentality concerned, or the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, as the case may be, temporarily detailed to or affiliated with any other Government or non-Government institution, to procure necessary supplementary training or experience, his status as a student-employee shall not be considered terminated by reason of such detail or affiliation, but he may receive his stipend and other perquisites provided under this Act from the hospital, clinic, or laboratory to which he is assigned or attached for only sixty days of such detail or affiliation for each training year (as defined by such head of such Commissioners). Where the detail or affiliation under this section is to or with another Federal institution the student-employee shall be paid his necessary expenses of travel to and from such institution in accordance with the Standardized Government Travel Regulations and the provisions of the Subsistence Expense Act of 1926, as amended (5 U. S. C., ch. 16).

SEC. 7. This Act shall not be construed as affecting in any way the compensation, rights, or benefits of student nurses receiving training in accordance with the Act of June 15, 1943, as amended (50 U. S. C., App., 1451, and the following).

SEC. 8. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed as limiting any authority conferred upon the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs by the Act of January 3, 1946 (Public Law 293, Seventy-ninth Congress).

SEC. 9. Funds now or hereafter appropriated to the departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Federal Government and to the District of Columbia for the expenses of their respective hospitals, clinics, and laboratories to which persons included in section 2 are assigned or attached are hereby made available and authorized for carrying out the provisions of this Act with respect to such persons.

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[CHAPTER 453]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a toll bridge across the Rio Grande, at or near Rio Grande City, Texas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a toll bridge across the Rio Grande, at or near Rio Grande City, Texas, authorized to be built by Gus A. Guerra, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, by an Act of Congress approved July 31, 1946, is hereby extended one year from July 31, 1947.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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Bridge.
Rio Grande.

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