

actions, the said right of action shall be limited to damages for physical injury except for pain and suffering resulting therefrom."

SEC. 2. Section 327 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 327. Executors and administrators shall have full power and authority to commence and prosecute any personal action at law or in equity which the testator or intestate might have commenced and prosecuted: *Provided, however,* That in tort actions, the said right of action shall be limited to damages for personal injury except for pain and suffering resulting therefrom; and they shall also be liable to be sued in the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia in any action at law or in equity, except as aforesaid, which might have been maintained against the deceased; and they shall be entitled to or answerable for costs in the same manner as the deceased would have been, and shall be allowed for the same in their accounts, unless it shall appear that there were not probable grounds for instituting or defending the suits in which judgments or decrees shall have been given against them."

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 509]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to make provision for the care and treatment of members of the National Guard, Organized Reserves, Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and Citizens' Military Training Camps who are injured or contract diseases while engaged in military training, and for other purposes", approved June 15, 1936, as amended, 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 Act entitled "An Act to make provision for the care and treatment of members of the National Guard, Organized Reserve, Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and Citizens' Military Training Camps who are injured or contract disease while engaged in military training, and for other purposes", approved June 15, 1936 (49 Stat. 1507), as amended (Act July 15, 1939, 53 Stat. 1042; sec. 5, Act October 14, 1940, 54 Stat. 1137; 32 U. S. C. 164d; 10 U. S. C. 455e), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"In time of peace."

"SEC. 2. As used in this Act, the term 'in time of peace' shall include that period after September 2, 1945 (the date of formal surrender by Japan), which is prior to the first day on which the United States is, by action of the Congress, or the President, or both, no longer engaged in any war in which the United States is engaged on the date of enactment of this section.

Applicability to Air Force.

"SEC. 3. The foregoing amendment shall be applicable to the Department of the Air Force to the same extent as if enacted prior to the passage of the National Security Act of 1947."

61 Stat. 495.
5 U. S. C., Supp. I,
§ 171 note.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 510]

AN ACT

To authorize credit in certain accounts of United States property and disbursing officers under the War Department, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That payments made prior to July 1, 1942, out of moneys appropriated under the provisions of the National Defense Act, for the support of the National Guard

Property and disbursing officers.
39 Stat. 166.
10 U. S. C. § 2 *et seq.*
Ante, p. 87.

31 Stat. 1241.
D. C. Code § 20-501.

Suits by and against executors and administrators.

Tort actions.

June 19, 1948
[S. 1470]
[Public Law 678]

National Guard, etc.
Care of sick or injured.

of the several States, Territories, and the District of Columbia which now stand disallowed or would hereafter be disallowed, but for this Act, by reason of lack of adequate or correct supporting vouchers and documents, are hereby ratified and validated as to the United States property and disbursing officers making the same, in such amounts only as are found and determined by the Comptroller General of the United States to be without substantial evidence of fraud or criminality or of timely knowledge of such fraud or criminality on the part of the United States property and disbursing officer involved and to have been actually expended in good faith or under bona fide contract (1) for services which in fact have been rendered or (2) for facilities which in fact have been furnished to the United States and its agencies including the National Guard; all items so found shall be passed to credit in the accounts of the property and disbursing officers involved, and any settlement based thereon shall not be reopened as against any such officer in the absence of new evidence of fraud or criminality: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit recovery from any payee of public moneys illegally or erroneously paid to such payee or to preclude the recovery from any such property and disbursing officer or his surety of any balance found due the Government under a settlement made as herein provided.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 511]

AN ACT

To provide for retention in the service of certain disabled Army and Air Force personnel, and for other purposes.

June 19, 1948
[S. 1783]

[Public Law 680]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President is authorized and directed to retain in service disabled officers, warrant officers, and flight officers of the Army and the Air Force of the United States until their treatment for physical reconstruction has reached a point where they will not be further benefited by retention in a military hospital or in the military service.

Disabled officers,
Army and Air Force.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 512]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to credit certain service performed by members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service prior to reaching eighteen years of age for the purpose of computing longevity pay, or for other pay purposes", approved March 6, 1946.

June 19, 1948
[S. 1790]

[Public Law 681]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to credit certain service performed by members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service prior to reaching eighteen years of age for the purpose of computing longevity pay, or for other pay purposes", approved March 6, 1946 (Public Law 309, Seventy-ninth Congress), is amended by inserting immediately following "Army," the words "Air Force,".

Army, Air Force,
etc.
Service credit.

60 Stat. 32.
37 U. S. C. § 103b
and note.

(b) Section 2 of such Act is amended to read as follows: "The provisions of this Act shall be effective from June 1, 1942."

Effective date.

Approved June 19, 1948.