

factory to it, that such boarder and patient is able, or other persons legally liable for his care are financially able, to bear all or part of such cost; or (c) when such certification has been made erroneously: *Provided*, That revocation of such certification shall not take effect until a copy of the order of revocation shall have been served upon the Superintendent of Saint Elizabeths Hospital or his authorized representative.

Regulations.

SEC. 4. The Superintendent of Saint Elizabeths Hospital, with the approval of the Federal Security Administrator, is authorized to prescribe such regulations as he shall deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act relating to the hospital.

SEC. 5. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to prescribe such regulations as they shall deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act relating to the Board of Public Welfare and the District of Columbia.

Effective date.

SEC. 6. This Act shall become effective sixty days after enactment.

Approved June 22, 1948.

[CHAPTER 600]

AN ACT

To authorize the Coast Guard to operate and maintain ocean stations.

June 22, 1948
[S. 2122]
[Public Law 738]

Coast Guard.
Floating ocean stations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Coast Guard is authorized to operate and maintain floating ocean stations for the purpose of providing search and rescue, communication, and air navigation facilities, and meteorological services in such ocean areas as are regularly traversed by aircraft of the United States.

Air navigation facilities.

SEC. 2. The Coast Guard is authorized, subject to approval by the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics, to operate, on floating ocean stations authorized by section 1 hereof, such air navigation facilities as the Administrator may find necessary or desirable for the safe and efficient protection and control of air traffic. The Coast Guard, in establishing, maintaining, or operating any air navigation facilities herein provided, shall request the cooperation of the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics to the end that the personnel and facilities of the Civil Aeronautics Administration will be utilized to the fullest possible advantage.

Approved June 22, 1948.

[CHAPTER 601]

AN ACT

To preserve seniority rights of ten-point preference eligibles in the postal service transferring from the position of letter carrier to clerk or from the position of clerk to letter carrier.

June 22, 1948
[H. R. 4964]
[Public Law 739]

Postal Service.
Veterans' preference
eligibility.
55 Stat. 387.
5 U. S. C. §§ 851-869;
Supp. I, § 851 *et seq.*
Ante, p. 3; *post*, pp.
575, 1233.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) any letter carrier or clerk in the postal service entitled as a preference eligible to ten points under the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, as amended, in addition to his earned rating who, on or after the date of enactment of this Act, transfers from the position of letter carrier to that of clerk or from the position of clerk to that of letter carrier, as the case may be, shall not incur loss of seniority by reason of such transfer if, within thirty days after such transfer, he presents to the Civil Service Commission evidence satisfactory to the Commission that such transfer was necessitated principally by reason of a disability which he received on active duty in the armed forces of the United States.

(b) Any such letter carrier or clerk who, prior to the date of enactment of this Act, has transferred from the position of letter carrier to that of clerk or from the position of clerk to that of letter carrier, as the case may be, and has incurred loss of seniority by reason of such transfer, shall be restored the seniority to which he would have been entitled if such transfer had not occurred if he presents to the Civil Service Commission evidence satisfactory to the Commission that such transfer was necessitated principally by reason of a disability which he received on active duty in the armed forces of the United States.

Transfer from one position to another.

(c) No regular employee shall be reduced to substitute status to accord the benefits of this Act to another employee.

Approved June 22, 1948.

[CHAPTER 602]

AN ACT

Relating to the compensation of certain railway postal clerks.

June 22, 1948
[H. R. 5272]
[Public Law 740]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proviso in the paragraph headed Railway Mail Service in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and for other purposes", approved March 3, 1917, which reads "Provided further, That hereafter when railway postal clerks are transferred from one assignment to another because of changes in the service their salaries shall not be reduced by reason of such change:" (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 39, sec. 632), is hereby amended to read as follows: "Provided, however, That railway postal clerks of any grade transferred or reassigned after June 30, 1945, from one assignment or classification to another because of classification or changes in the service shall not be reduced in grade or salary by reason of such classification or change, and while serving in miscellaneous assignments they will be carried on the roster of their own organizations and retain the promotion status authorized by law for the positions from which withdrawn and be paid after this enactment by the hour for actual services performed when on other than road duty, and shall be paid for road services performed according to the time value of the trip of such road service including a proper allowance for all services required on lay-off periods, as are provided for regular employees assigned to road duty, until again restored to regular positions, the hourly rate for such pay to be determined by dividing the annual salary by 2024, the number of working hours in a year.

Railway postal clerks.
Transfer or reassignments; salary.

39 Stat. 1065.

Approved June 22, 1948.

[CHAPTER 604]

AN ACT

To amend section 19 of the Veterans' Preference Act of June 27, 1944 (58 Stat. 387), and for other purposes.

June 22, 1948
[S. 1493]
[Public Law 741]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the final period in section 19 of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 387), be changed to a semicolon and that the following be added thereto: "Provided, That any recommendation by the Civil Service Commission, submitted to any Federal agency, on the basis of the appeal of any preference eligible, employee or former employee, shall be complied with by such agency."

5 U. S. C. § 868.
Recommendation of Civil Service Commission.

Approved June 22, 1948.