

Public Law 825

CHAPTER 759

July 27, 1956
[S. 1777]

AN ACT

To amend the Interstate Commerce Act in order to authorize common carriers to carry a disabled person requiring an attendant and such attendant at the usual fare charged for one person.

50 Stat. 475.
49 USC 22.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act is amended by inserting after "or other guide dog specially trained and educated for that purpose" a comma and "or from carrying a disabled person accompanied by an attendant if such person is disabled to the extent of requiring such attendant,".

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Public Law 826

CHAPTER 768

July 28, 1956
[H. R. 11861]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing Federal participation in the cost of protecting the shores of publicly owned property", approved August 13, 1946.

Protection of
shores owned by
States, etc.
60 Stat. 1056.
33 USC 426e-
426h.

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 authorizing Federal participation in the cost of protecting the shores of publicly owned property", approved August 13, 1946, is hereby amended to read as follows: "That (a) with the purpose of preventing damage to the shores of the United States, its Territories and possessions and promoting and encouraging the healthful recreation of the people, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States, subject to the following provisions of this Act to assist in the construction, but not the maintenance, of works for the restoration and protection against erosion, by waves and currents, of the shores of the United States, its Territories and possessions.

Federal contri-
bution.

"(b) The Federal contribution in the case of any project referred to in subsection (a) shall not exceed one-third of the cost of the project, and the remainder shall be paid by the State, municipality, or other political subdivision in which the project is located.

"(c) When in the opinion of the Chief of Engineers the most suitable and economical remedial measures would be provided by periodic beach nourishment, the term 'construction' may be construed for the purposes of this Act to include the deposit of sand fill at suitable intervals of time to furnish sand supply to project shores for a length of time specified by the Chief of Engineers.

Shores other than
public.

"(d) Shores other than public will be eligible for Federal assistance if there is benefit such as that arising from public use or from the protection of nearby public property or if the benefits to those shores are incidental to the project, and the Federal contribution to the project shall be adjusted in accordance with the degree of such benefits.

Authorized plans.

"(e) No Federal contribution shall be made with respect to a project under this Act unless the plan therefor shall have been specifically adopted and authorized by Congress after investigation and study by the Beach Erosion Board under the provisions of section 2 of the River and Harbor Act approved July 3, 1930, as amended and supplemented.

46 Stat. 945.
33 USC 426.

"SEC. 2. When the Chief of Engineers shall find that any such project has been constructed in accordance with the authorized plans and specifications he shall cause to be paid to the State, municipality, or other political subdivision involved the amount authorized by Congress.

Payment.

"SEC. 3. The Chief of Engineers may, in his discretion, from time to time, make payments on such construction as the work progresses, but these payments, including previous payments, if any, shall not be more than the United States pro rata part of the value of the labor and materials which have been actually put into such construction in conformity to said plans and specifications: *Provided*, That the construction of restoration and protective works under this Act may be undertaken by the Chief of Engineers upon the request of, and contribution of required funds by, the interested State, municipality, or other political subdivision.

"SEC. 4. As used in this Act, the word 'shores' includes all the shorelines of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, and lakes, estuaries, and bays directly connected therewith."

"Shores"

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Public Law 827

CHAPTER 769

AN ACT

To further amend the Act of January 2, 1942, entitled "An Act to provide for the prompt settlement of claims for damages occasioned by Army, Navy, and Marine Corps forces in foreign countries".

July 28, 1956
[H. R. 3561]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of January 2, 1942 (ch. 645, 55 Stat. 880), as amended, is further amended by—

Claims.
Army, Navy, Marine Corps.
31 USC 224 d-224i.

(1) amending the first section by deleting the words "arising in such foreign country" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "arising outside of the United States, its Territories and possessions";

(2) amending the first section by substituting the figure "\$15,000" for the figure "\$5,000" wherever it appears therein;

(3) amending section 7 by deleting the words "In time of war" and by capitalizing the next following word "any"; and

(4) adding immediately after section 7 a new section as follows:

"SEC. 8. The Secretary of Defense may designate any claims commission or commissions, appointed under section 1, to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, and make payment with respect to claims, as described in section 1 hereof, for damages caused by a civilian employee of the Department of Defense other than a civilian employee of the Department of the Army, Navy, or Air Force. Claims under this section shall be considered, ascertained, adjusted, determined, and paid in the same manner provided in this Act for the settlement of Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps claims. All payments in settlement of claims under this section shall be made out of appropriations available to the Office of the Secretary of Defense for the payment of claims."

Commissions.

SEC. 2. The amendments made by clauses (1) and (4) of section 1 of this Act shall be effective with respect to claims accruing after the date of its enactment.

Effective date.

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