

Public Law 86-740

September 13, 1960
[S. 1764]

AN ACT

To amend title 32, United States Code, to authorize the payment of certain claims against the National Guard.

National Guard.
Payment of
claims against
U. S.*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That chapter 7 of title 32, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by adding the following new section at the end thereof:

“§ 715. Property loss; personal injury or death: activities under certain sections of this title

“(a) Under such regulations as the Secretary of the Army or Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe, he or, subject to appeal to him, the Judge Advocate General of the armed force under his jurisdiction, if designated by him, may settle, and pay in an amount not more than \$5,000 a claim against the United States for—

“(1) damage to, or loss of, real property, including damage or loss incident to use and occupancy;

“(2) damage to, or loss of, personal property, including property bailed to the United States or the National Guard and including registered or insured mail damaged, lost, or destroyed by a criminal act while in the possession of the National Guard; or

“(3) personal injury or death;

either caused by a member of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard, as the case may be, while engaged in training or duty under section 316, 502, 503, 504, or 505 of this title or any other provision of law for which he is entitled to pay under section 301 of title 37, or for which he has waived that pay, and acting within the scope of his employment; caused by a person employed under section 709 of this title acting within the scope of his employment; or otherwise incident to noncombat activities of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard, as the case may be, under one of those sections.

“(b) A claim may be allowed under subsection (a) only if—

“(1) it is presented in writing within two years after it accrues, except that if the claim accrues in time of war or armed conflict or if such a war or armed conflict intervenes within two years after it accrues, and if good cause is shown, the claim may be presented not later than two years after the war or armed conflict is terminated;

“(2) it is not covered by section 2734 of title 10 or section 2672 of title 28;

“(3) it is not for personal injury or death of such a member or a person employed under section 709 of this title, whose injury or death is incident to his service;

“(4) the damage to, or loss of, property, or the personal injury or death, was not caused wholly or partly by a negligent or wrongful act of the claimant, his agent, or his employee; and

“(5) it is substantiated as prescribed in regulations of the Secretary concerned.

For the purposes of clause (1), the dates of the beginning and end of an armed conflict are the dates established by concurrent resolution of Congress or by a determination of the President.

“(c) Payment may not be made under this section for reimbursement for medical, hospital, or burial services furnished at the expense of the United States or of any State or the District of Columbia or Puerto Rico.

63 Stat. 825.

70A Stat. 614.

72 Stat. 1461; 62
Stat. 983.

70A Stat. 614.

"(d) If the Secretary of the military department concerned considers that a claim in excess of \$5,000 is meritorious and would otherwise be covered by this section, he may pay the claimant \$5,000 and report the excess to Congress for its consideration.

"(e) Except as provided in subsection (d), no claim may be paid under this section unless the amount tendered is accepted by the claimant in full satisfaction.

"(f) In any case where the amount to be paid is not more than \$1,000, the authority contained in subsection (a) may be delegated to any officer of the Army or the Air Force, as the case may be, who has been delegated authority under section 2733(g) of title 10 to settle similar claims.

72 Stat. 813.

"(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the settlement of a claim under this section is final and conclusive.

"(h) In this section, 'settle' means consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, and dispose of a claim, whether by full or partial allowance or disallowance."; and

(2) by adding the following new item at the end of the analysis:

"715. Property loss; personal injury or death: activities under certain sections of this title."

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Public Law 86-741

AN ACT

September 13, 1960
[S. 3681]

Authorizing the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority to combine for financing purposes the bridge across the West Passage of Narragansett Bay with the Newport Bridge and any other project acquired or constructed by said authority.

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 the State of Rhode Island, acting by and through the Jamestown Bridge Commission as an agency of the State, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the West Passage of Narragansett Bay between the towns of Jamestown and North Kingston", approved April 4, 1938 (52 Stat. 194), is hereby amended by striking out section 4, and inserting in lieu thereof the following new section:

Rhode Island
Turnpike and
Bridge Authority.
Combination of
projects.

"SEC. 4. That upon title to the bridge which was constructed under the authority of this Act becoming vested in the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority, created by chapter 3390, Public Laws of Rhode Island, 1954 (chapter 12 of title 24, General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956), said authority shall be authorized to combine said bridge for financing purposes with any other bridge, bridges, or structures financed by said authority under the provisions of said chapter 12, as heretofore amended, and to fix and charge tolls in accordance with State law for the use of said bridge and such other bridges and approaches so combined into one project, and to pledge the use of such tolls in accordance with the provisions of said chapter 12, as amended.

SEC. 2. That the word "bridge" in the first line of section 5 be stricken and the word "bridges" inserted in lieu thereof.

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