

Public Law 87-818

October 15, 1962
[H. R. 4094]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of July 15, 1955, relating to the conservation of anthracite coal resources.

Anthracite coal
resources.
Conservation.

69 Stat. 352.

Abandoned coal
mines, congress-
sional policy.
30 USC 571.

Financial con-
tributions.
30 USC 572.

Amount.

Limitation on
use.

Project loca-
tions.

Projects econom-
ically justified.

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 provide for the conservation of anthracite coal resources through measures of flood control and anthracite mine drainage, and for other purposes", approved July 15, 1955 (30 U.S.C. 572), is amended in the following respects:

(1) The second sentence of section 1 is amended to read as follows: "It is therefore declared to be the policy of the Congress to provide for the control and drainage of water in the anthracite coal formations and thereby conserve natural resources, promote national security, prevent injuries and loss of life, and preserve public and private property, and to seal abandoned coal mines and to fill voids in abandoned coal mines, in those instances where such work is in the interest of the public health or safety.";

(2) The preamble clause of section 2 is amended to read as follows: "The Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in order to carry out the above-mentioned purposes, to make financial contributions on the basis of programs or projects approved by the Secretary to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (hereinafter designated as the 'Commonwealth') to seal abandoned coal mines and to fill voids in abandoned coal mines, in those instances where such work is in the interest of the public health or safety, and for control and drainage of water which, if not so controlled or drained, will cause the flooding of anthracite coal formations, said contributions to be applied to the cost of drainage works, pumping plants, and related facilities but subject, however, to the following conditions and limitations:";

(3) Section 2(b) is amended to read as follows: "The total amount of contributions by the Secretary of the Interior under the authority of this Act shall not exceed \$8,500,000, of which \$1,500,000 of the unexpended balance remaining as of July 31, 1962, shall be reserved for the control and drainage of water;";

(4) Section 2(c) is amended to read as follows: "The amounts contributed by the Secretary of the Interior under the authority of this Act and the equally matched amounts contributed by the Commonwealth shall not be used for operating and maintaining projects constructed pursuant to this Act or for the purchase of culm, rock, or spoil banks;";

(5) Section 2(d) is amended by striking out the word "and" after the semicolon;

(6) Section 2(e) is amended to read as follows: "Projects constructed pursuant to this Act shall be so located, operated, and maintained as to provide the maximum conservation of anthracite coal resources or, in those instances where such work would be in the interest of the public health or safety, to seal abandoned coal mines and to fill voids in abandoned coal mines, and, where possible, to avoid creating inequities among those mines which may be affected by the waters to be controlled thereby; and";

(7) Section 2 is further amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(f) Projects for the sealing of abandoned coal mines or the filling of voids in abandoned coal mines shall be determined by the Secretary of the Interior to be economically justified. The Secretary shall

not find any project to be economically justified unless the potential benefits are estimated by him to exceed the estimated cost of the project."

(8) Section 5 is amended by adding a sentence to read as follows: "The Secretary of the Interior shall, on or before the first day of February of each year after the institution of the program for the sealing of abandoned coal mines or the filling of voids in abandoned coal mines, submit a report to Congress of the actions taken under this Act."

Report to Congress.
30 USC 575.

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Public Law 87-819

AN ACT

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To amend section 641 of title 38, United States Code, to provide that deductions shall not be made from Federal payments to a State home because of amounts collected from the estates of deceased veterans and used for recreational or other purposes not required by State laws, and to amend chapter 35 of such title in order to afford educational assistance in certain cases beyond the age limitations prescribed in such chapter.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 641 (b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding immediately below paragraph (2) thereof the following: "No reduction shall be made under this subsection by reason of the retention or collection by a State home of any amounts from the estate of a deceased veteran if such amounts are placed in a post fund or other special fund and used for the benefit of the State home or its inhabitants in providing—

Veterans.
Federal payments to State homes.
72 Stat. 1146.

"(A) educational, recreational, or entertainment facilities or activities;

"(B) operation of post exchanges; or

"(C) other activities or facilities for the benefit of the home or its inhabitants which are not specifically required by State law (including the cost of any necessary insurance to protect the property of such fund or any of its facilities)."

SEC. 2. Section 1712 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection as follows:

Educational assistance beyond age limitation.
72 Stat. 1194.

"(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, an eligible person may be afforded educational assistance beyond the age limitation applicable to him under such subsection if (1) he suspends pursuit of his program of education after having enrolled in such program within the time period applicable to him under such subsection, (2) he is unable to complete such program after the period of suspension and before attaining the age limitation applicable to him under such subsection, and (3) the Administrator finds that the suspension was due to conditions beyond the control of such person; but in no event shall educational assistance be afforded such person by reason of this subsection beyond the age limitation applicable to him under subsection (a) of this section plus a period of time equal to the period he was required to suspend the pursuit of his program, or beyond his thirty-first birthday, whichever is earlier."

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