Public Law 88-57

July 8, 1963
[H. R. 1937]

AN ACT

To amend the Act known as the "Life Insurance Act" of the District of Columbia, approved June 19, 1934, and the Act known as the "Fire and Casualty Act" of the District of Columbia, approved October 3, 1940.

D. C. insurance licenses, false statements.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 26 and 29 of chapter II of the Life Insurance Act approved June 19, 1934, as amended (48 Stat. 1139, 1141; sec. 35–425 and sec. 35–428, D.C. Code, 1951 ed.), are hereby amended by adding after the second sentence of each such section the following: "Any such applicant who willfully files with or otherwise submits to the Superintendent, orally or in writing, any material statement, knowing such statement to be false, shall, in addition to any other penalty prescribed by law, be guilty of perjury and subject to the penalties thereof."

SEC. 2. The second sentence of section 32 of chapter II of the Fire and Casualty Act approved October 9, 1940, as amended (54 Stat. 1078; sec. 35–1336, D.C. Code, 1951 ed.), is amended to read: "The person to whom the license may be issued shall file sworn answers, subject to the penalties of perjury, to such interrogatories as the Superintendent may require."

72 Stat. 23.

SEC. 3. Section 35 of chapter II of said Fire and Casualty Act, as amended (54 Stat. 1079; sec. 35–1339, D.C. Code, 1951 ed.), is amended by adding: "Any applicant who, in connection with such application for renewal of an expiring license, willfully files with or otherwise submits to the Superintendent, orally or in writing, any material statement under oath, knowing such statement to be false, shall, in addition to any other penalty prescribed by law, be guilty of perjury and subject to the penalties thereof."

72 Stat. 25.

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Public Law 88-58

July 8, 1963
[S. 1359]

AN ACT

To provide for an additional Assistant Secretary in the Treasury Department.

Treasury Department.
Assistant Secretary.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 234 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (5 U.S.C. 246), is amended by striking out "three Assistant Secretaries of the Treasury" and inserting in lieu thereof "four Assistant Secretaries of the Treasury".

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Public Law 88-59

July 8, 1963
[H. R. 1819]

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Employees Health Benefits Act of 1959 to provide additional choice of health benefits plans, and for other purposes.

Federal employees.
Health benefits plans.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 2(i) of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Act of 1959 (73 Stat. 710; 5 U.S.C. 3001(i)) is amended by striking out "1959" and inserting in lieu thereof "1963".

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(b) Section 4(3) of such Act (73 Stat. 711; 5 U.S.C. 3003(3)) is amended by striking out ", and which on July 1, 1959, provided health benefits to members of the organization".

Approved July 8, 1963.

Public Law 88-60

AN ACT

July 8, 1963
[H. R. 3537]

To increase the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court for the District of Columbia in civil actions, to change the names of the court, 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 court established by the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to consolidate the Police Court of the District of Columbia and the Municipal Court of the District of Columbia, to be known as 'the Municipal Court for the District of Columbia', to create 'the Municipal Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia', and for other purposes", approved April 1, 1942, as amended (56 Stat. 190; D.C. Code, sec. 11–751), hereafter shall be known as the "District of Columbia Court of General Sessions". Whenever reference is made in any Act of Congress (other than this Act or the amendments made by this Act) or in any regulation to the Municipal Court for the District of Columbia, such reference shall be held to be a reference to the District of Columbia Court of General Sessions.

District of Columbia Court of General Sessions. Designation.

SEC. 2. Subsection (a) of section 4 of such Act, approved April 1, 1942, as amended (D.C. Code, sec. 11–755 (a)), is amended to read as follows:

"(a) The District of Columbia Court of General Sessions, as established by this Act, shall consist of the criminal, civil, and small claims and conciliation, and domestic relations branches. The court and each judge thereof shall have and exercise the same powers and jurisdiction as were heretofore had or exercised by the Municipal Court for the District of Columbia or the judges thereof on the day before the effective date of this amendatory subsection, and in addition the said court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of civil actions commenced after the effective date of this amendatory subsection, including such actions against executors, administrators and other fiduciaries, in which the claimed value of personal property or the debt or damages claimed, does not exceed the sum of $10,000 exclusive of interest and costs, and, in addition, shall have jurisdiction of all cross-claims and counterclaims interposed in all actions over which it has jurisdiction regardless of the amount involved: *Provided, however*, That nothing herein shall deprive the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of jurisdiction over counterclaims, cross-claims, or any other claims whether or not arising out of the same transaction or occurrence and interposed in actions over which the United States District Court for the District of Columbia has jurisdiction. The District of Columbia Court of General Sessions shall also have jurisdiction over all cases properly pending in the Municipal Court for the District of Columbia on the effective date of this amendatory subsection."

Powers and jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Subsection (a) of section 5 of such Act approved April 1, 1942, as amended (D.C. Code, sec. 11–756(a)), is amended to read as follows:

Transfer of actions.