

## [CHAPTER 400]

## AN ACT

July 31, 1939  
[H. R. 5660]  
[Public, No. 248]

District of Colum-  
bia.

46 Stat. 366.  
40 U. S. C. § 121.  
Inclusion of Lafay-  
ette Park under zon-  
ing regulation.

Recommendations  
and action.

*Provido.*  
Failure of Com-  
mission of Fine Arts  
to disapprove plans;  
issuance of permit.

To include Lafayette Park within the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the height, exterior design, and construction of private and semipublic buildings in certain areas of the National Capital", approved May 16, 1930.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the second sentence of section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the height, exterior design, and construction of private and semipublic buildings in certain areas of the National Capital", approved May 16, 1930 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 40, sec. 121), is amended to read as follows: "To this end, hereafter when application is made for permit for the erection or alteration of any building, any portion of which is to front or abut upon the grounds of the Capitol, the grounds of the White House, the portion of Pennsylvania Avenue extending from the Capitol to the White House, Lafayette Park, Rock Creek Park, the Zoological Park, the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway, Potomac Park, The Mall Park System and public buildings adjacent thereto, or abutting upon any street bordering any of said grounds or parks, the plans therefor, so far as they relate to height and appearance, color, and texture of the materials of exterior construction, shall be submitted by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to the Commission of Fine Arts; and the said Commission shall report promptly to said Commissioners its recommendations, including such changes, if any, as in its judgment are necessary to prevent reasonably avoidable impairment of the public values belonging to such public building or park; and said Commissioners shall take such action as shall, in their judgment, effect reasonable compliance with such recommendation: *Provided,* That if the said Commission of Fine Arts fails to report its approval or disapproval of such plans within thirty days, its approval thereof shall be assumed and a permit may be issued."

Approved, July 31, 1939.

## [CHAPTER 401]

## AN ACT

July 31, 1939  
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Oregon.  
Exchanges of certain  
revested and recon-  
veyed lands within,  
authorized.

50 Stat. 874.

39 Stat. 218.

40 Stat. 1179.

*Providos.*  
Administration.

Relating to the exchange of certain lands in the State of Oregon.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior, in the administration of the Act entitled "An Act relating to the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands situated in the State of Oregon", approved August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 874), is hereby authorized and empowered, in his discretion, to exchange any land formerly granted to the Oregon and California Railroad Company, title to which was revested in the United States pursuant to the provisions of the Act of June 9, 1916 (39 Stat. 218), and any land granted to the State of Oregon, title to which was reconveyed to the United States by the Southern Oregon Company pursuant to the provisions of the Act of February 26, 1919 (40 Stat. 1179), for lands of approximately equal aggregate value held in private, State, or county ownership, either within or contiguous to the former limits of such grants, when by such action the Secretary of the Interior will be enabled to consolidate advantageously the holdings of lands of the United States: *Provided,* That all lands and timber secured by the United States pursuant to any such exchange shall be administered in accordance with the same provisions of law as such revested or reconveyed lands

exchanged therefor: *Provided further*, That either party to any such exchange may make reservations of easements, rights of use, and other interests and rights. No fee shall be charged for any such exchange with respect to land owned by the State of Oregon or any county thereof, except one-half of the cost of publishing notice of such proposed exchange.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to perform any and all acts and to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. The Act of May 31, 1918 (40 Stat. 593), section 3 of the Act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 758), and all other Acts or parts of Acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.

Approved, July 31, 1939.

Reservations of easements, etc.

State - owned lands; fees for exchanges.

Administrative duties of Secretary of Interior.

Designated provisions repealed.  
40 Stat. 593; 41 Stat. 758.

[CHAPTER 408]

AN ACT

To increase the amount of Federal aid to State or Territorial homes for the support of disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States.

*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 aid to State or Territorial homes for the support of disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States", approved August 27, 1888, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 24, sec. 134), is amended by striking out in the first paragraph thereof "\$120 per annum" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$240 per annum".

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall apply to payments with respect to the care given to disabled soldiers and sailors on and after the first day of the month next following the month during which this Act is enacted: *Provided*, That said payments shall be made regardless of whether said veteran may be receiving domiciliary care or hospitalization in said home and the appropriations of the Veterans' Administration for medical, hospital, and domiciliary care shall be available for this purpose: *Provided further*, That no payment to a State or Territory under this Act shall be made for any period prior to the date upon which the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs determines that the veteran on whose account such payment is requested is eligible for such care in a Veterans' Administration facility.

Approved, August 1, 1939.

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State or Territorial homes for disabled soldiers and sailors. Federal aid increased.  
25 Stat. 450.  
24 U. S. C. § 134.

Effective date.

*Provisos.*  
Payments not barred because of domiciliary care, etc.

No payments prior to determination of eligibility.

[CHAPTER 409]

AN ACT

To provide for the registry of pursers and surgeons as staff officers on vessels of the United States, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there shall be registered staff officers in the United States merchant marine in the following grades: (1) Chief purser, (2) purser, (3) senior assistant purser, (4) junior assistant purser, and (5) surgeon. The Secretary of Commerce (in this Act called the Secretary) shall register, and issue certificates of registry to, qualified individuals applying for registry in such grades, as hereinafter provided, and every such individual when so registered and serving in the staff department on a vessel of the United States shall rank as a staff officer on such vessel.

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Merchant marine. Registry of pursers and surgeons as staff officers; grades.