

## [CHAPTER 737]

## AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Rhode Island to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Sakonnet River between the towns of Tiverton and Portsmouth in Newport County, Rhode Island.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the State of Rhode Island to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Sakonnet River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, between the towns of Tiverton and Portsmouth in Newport County, Rhode Island, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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[Public Law 593]

Bridge,  
Sakonnet River.

34 Stat. 84,  
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-  
498.

## [CHAPTER 738]

## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to acquire in fee or otherwise certain lands and rights in land on the island of Guam, 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 Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to acquire in the name, and for the use, of the United States, by purchase or otherwise, land and rights pertaining thereto situated on or within the island of Guam, including interests in fee, leasehold interests with or without option to purchase interests in fee, and rights-of-way and easements both temporary and perpetual for highways, drainage system, water supply and water distribution facilities, power lines, communication systems, and communication distribution facilities, upon conveyance of title acceptable to him or to such other officer as he may designate without regard to and notwithstanding section 355 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C. A., title 40, sec. 255), or any other provision of law requiring approval of title by the Attorney General of the United States. The authority contained herein may include, but shall not be limited to, acquisitions for the purpose set forth in Public Law 225 of the Seventy-ninth Congress, approved November 15, 1945.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,630,000 to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

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[Public Law 594]

Navy.  
Acquisition of lands  
in Guam.

59 Stat. 584.  
Appropriation au-  
thorized.

## [CHAPTER 739]

## AN ACT

To permit the Secretary of the Navy to delegate the authority to compromise and settle claims against the United States caused by vessels of the Navy or in the naval service, or for towage or salvage services to such vessels, 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 Act of July 3, 1944 (58 Stat. 726), be amended by adding another section thereto as follows:

"Sec. 9. When the net amount paid in settlement does not exceed

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[Public Law 595]

Naval vessels.  
46 U. S. C., Supp.  
V, §§ 791-798.

58 Stat. 726.  
46 U. S. C., Supp.  
V, § 797.

\$1,000, the authority of the Secretary of the Navy, as set forth in section 7, may be exercised by such person or persons as he may designate."

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[CHAPTER 740]

AN ACT

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[S. 2253]  
[Public Law 506]

To further amend the Act of January 16, 1936, as amended, entitled "An Act to provide for the retirement and retirement annuities of civilian members of the teaching staff at the United States Naval Academy and the Postgraduate School, United States Naval Academy".

Naval Academy  
and Postgraduate  
School.  
Retirement of civil-  
ian teachers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act of January 16, 1936 (49 Stat. 1092; 34 U. S. C. 1073-1073e), entitled "An Act to provide for the retirement and retirement annuities of civilian members of the teaching staff at the United States Naval Academy and the Postgraduate School, United States Naval Academy", as amended by the Act of November 28, 1943 (57 Stat. 594), is hereby further amended by inserting therein two new sections numbered 4B and 4C, reading as follows:

34 U. S. C., Supp.  
V, §§ 1073c-1, 1073d.

Total disability.

"SEC. 4B. Any civilian member of the teaching staffs to whom this Act applies who shall have served for a total period of not less than five years, and who, before becoming eligible for retirement under the conditions defined in the preceding sections hereof, becomes totally disabled for useful and efficient service in his position, by reason of disease or injury not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on the part of the civilian member of the teaching staffs, shall upon his own application or upon the request or order of the Secretary of the Navy be retired on an annuity computed in accordance with provisions of section 4A of this Act. The annuity which the Government pays to a civilian teacher who is forced to retire under this section shall be the difference between his total annuity as computed under section 4A of this Act and the immediate life annuity to which he is entitled at the time of such retirement under the annuity policy provided by the Act. Every annuitant retired under the provisions of this section, unless the disability for which he was retired be permanent in character, shall at the expiration of one year from the date of such retirement and annually thereafter, until reaching retirement age as defined in section 3 hereof, be examined by a board of medical officers appointed by the Superintendent of the Naval Academy. If the annuitant is found to be sufficiently recovered for useful and efficient service in his position and if he is offered reemployment by the Superintendent of the Naval Academy, the annuity being paid him by the Government shall cease immediately. If an annuitant who has been retired under the provisions of this section is subsequently reemployed by the Government, the annuity being paid to him by the Government shall be terminated. If the annuitant is reemployed as a civilian teacher at the Naval Academy, the annuity which the Government will pay him at the time of subsequent retirement shall be the difference between the total annuity, computed under section 4A of this Act, and the immediate life annuity which the total premiums, paid on his annuity contracts provided by this Act, would purchase. No person shall be entitled to receive an annuity under the provisions of this Act, and compensation under the provisions of the Act of September 7, 1916, entitled 'An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes', covering the same period of time; but this provision shall not bar the right of any claimant to the greater benefit conferred by either Act for any part of the same period.

57 Stat. 594.  
34 U. S. C., Supp.  
V, § 1073c-1.  
Annuity.

49 Stat. 1092.  
34 U. S. C. § 1073b.

Reemployment.

*Supra.*

30 Stat. 742.  
5 U. S. C. §§ 751-  
791, 793.