

United States by force or violence and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation contained in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

Short title.

SEC. 302. This Act may be cited as the "Treasury and Post Office Departments Appropriation Act, 1948".

Approved July 1, 1947.

[CHAPTER 187]

AN ACT

To preserve historic graveyards in abandoned military posts.

July 1, 1947
[H. R. 577]
[Public Law 148]

Historic cemeteries
on military posts.
Conveyance to
States, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized in his discretion, and upon such terms and conditions as he may determine with or without monetary consideration, to transfer and convey all right, title, and interest of the United States in or to any historic military cemetery or burial plot located on military posts or reservations which have heretofore, or may hereafter, become abandoned or useless for military purposes, including the graves and monuments contained in such cemeteries or burial plots and approach roads and appurtenances thereto, together with the responsibility for the perpetual care and maintenance thereof, to any State, county, municipality, or proper agency thereof, in which or in the vicinity of which such cemetery or burial plot is located: *Provided*, That in the event the grantee shall cease or fail to care for and maintain the historic military cemetery or burial plot or the graves and monuments contained therein in a manner satisfactory to the Secretary of War, all such right, title, and interest transferred or conveyed by the United States, shall revert to the United States.

Reversion to U. S.

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[CHAPTER 188]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the management and operation of naval plantations, outside the continental United States", approved June 28, 1944.

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[H. R. 1358]
[Public Law 149]

Naval plantations
outside U. S.

50 U. S. C. app.
§ 777.

Management and
operation.

Purchases.

41 U. S. C. § 5.
Limitation of em-
ployee benefits.

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 management and operation of naval plantations outside the continental United States", approved June 28, 1944 (58 Stat. 624), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1. Hereafter the appropriations for the subsistence of Army and Navy personnel, respectively, shall be available for any and all expenditures necessary in the management, operation, maintenance, and improvement of any plantation or farm, on land subject to Army or Navy jurisdiction outside of the continental United States, for the purpose of furnishing fresh fruits and vegetables to the armed forces of the United States: *Provided*, That equipment, material, and supplies required therein may be purchased without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, and other laws applicable to purchases by governmental agencies: *Provided further*, That only American nationals, employees of the United States, shall be entitled to benefits under the civil-service laws and other laws of the United States relating to the employment, work, compensation, rights, benefits, or obligations of civilian employees of the United States: *Provided further*,

That surplus production over the amount furnished, or sold to the armed forces of the United States and to civilians serving with the armed forces may only be sold outside the continental limits of the United States: *And provided further*, That no land shall be acquired under this authorization.

"SEC. 2. After the termination of the present war the management, operation, maintenance, and improvement of any plantation or farm for which appropriations made available by this Act are used shall be accomplished, insofar as practicable, through the instrumentality of a private contractor, lessee, or operator with or for the Government, and, to this end the Secretary of War, with respect to Army affairs, and the Secretary of the Navy, with respect to Navy affairs, shall make reasonable effort to enter into said contract, lease, or agreement with a person, partnership, or association, in civil life for his or its services upon terms advantageous to the Government, for such management, operation, maintenance, and improvement before employing Army, Navy, or Marine Corps personnel for that purpose: *Provided*, That the determination of the Secretary of War, in regard to Army matters, and the Secretary of the Navy, in regard to Navy matters, as to reasonableness of effort to enter into such contract, lease, or agreement, and as to the advantageous nature of the terms thereof shall be final."

Approved July 1, 1947.

[CHAPTER 189]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to appoint, for supply duty only, officers of the line of the Marine Corps, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That officers of the line of the Marine Corps of the permanent or temporary grades of captain, major, lieutenant colonel, and colonel may, upon application, and with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, be assigned to supply duty only: *Provided*, That when so assigned they shall retain the lineal position and precedence which they hold at the time of assignment or may later attain and shall be promoted, retired, and discharged in like manner and with the same relative conditions in all respects as on the date of passage of this Act, or as thereafter may be provided for other officers of the line of the Marine Corps, except as otherwise provided by law: *Provided further*, That the recommendation of selection boards in the cases of officers assigned to such duty shall be based upon their comparative fitness to perform the duties prescribed for them: *And provided further*, That officers of the permanent or temporary grades of captain, major, lieutenant colonel, and colonel assigned to supply duty only in accordance with this Act shall, on assignment and on promotion up to and including the grade of brigadier general, be carried as additional numbers in grade.

SEC. 2. The number of officers so assigned in accordance with this Act shall be in accordance with the requirements of the service as determined by the Secretary of the Navy: *Provided*, That all officers of the Marine Corps now assigned to assistant quartermaster duty only and assistant paymaster duty only are hereby assigned to supply duty only, without change in their lineal positions and precedence solely as a result of such change of assignment.

SEC. 3. The head of the Supply Department shall have the title of "Quartermaster General of the Marine Corps" and shall, while so serving have the rank, pay, and allowances of a major general, and shall be in addition to the number of general officers otherwise provided by

Sale of surplus production.

No land acquisitions.

Management by private contractors, etc.

Finality of determinations by Secretaries of War and Navy.

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[Public Law 150]

Marine Corps. Assignment of officers of the line to supply duty.

Retention of lineal position, etc.

Basis of recommendation by selection boards.

Additional numbers in grade.

Number of officers assigned.

Officers assigned to assistant quartermaster duty, etc.

Title of head of Supply Department, etc.