

## [CHAPTER 254]

## AN ACT

May 4, 1948  
[H. R. 1275]  
[Public Law 511]

To authorize the payment of certain claims for medical treatment of persons in the naval service; to repeal section 1586 of the Revised Statutes; and for other purposes.

Navy.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1586 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C. Annotated, 1940 edition, title 34, sec. 921) is hereby repealed.

Reimbursement for certain medical treatment.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized and directed to promulgate regulations providing for the reimbursement of persons in the naval service for the cost of emergency or necessary medical services, including hospital service and medicines, from civilian sources when the person receiving the service is in a duty status: *Provided, however,* That reimbursement will be made under this Act only if it is determined that no medical service was available from a Federal source.

Duty status.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of this Act a person shall be regarded as in a duty status in the naval service while on authorized liberty or leave.

Approved May 4, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 255]

## AN ACT

May 4, 1948  
[S. 1393]  
[Public Law 512]

To provide additional subsistence allowances and to raise the ceilings on wages and allowances pertaining to certain veterans.

Veterans' subsistence allowances.  
58 Stat. 289.  
38 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
note foll. § 733.  
*Ante*, p. 19.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That paragraph 6 of part VIII of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"6. While enrolled in and pursuing a course under this part, (including an institutional on-farm training course) such person, upon application to the Administrator, shall be paid a subsistence allowance of \$65 per month, if without a dependent or dependents, or \$90 per month, if he has a dependent or dependents, including regular holidays and leave not exceeding thirty days in a calendar year: Except, That (1) while so enrolled and pursuing a course of full-time institutional training, such person, shall be paid a subsistence allowance of \$75 per month, if without a dependent or dependents, or \$105 per month if he has one dependent or \$120 per month if he has more than one dependent, and (2) while so enrolled and pursuing a course of part-time institutional training, including a course of institutional on-farm training, or other combination course, such person shall be paid, subject to the limitations of this paragraph, additional subsistence allowance in an amount bearing the same relation to the difference between the basic rates and the increased rates provided in (1) hereof as the institutional training part of such course bears to a course of full-time institutional training. Such person attending a course on a part-time basis, and such person receiving compensation for productive labor whether performed as part of his apprentice or other training on the job at institutions, business or other establishments, or otherwise, shall be entitled to receive such lesser sums, if any, as subsistence or dependency allowances as may be determined by the Administrator: *Provided,* That in no event shall the rate of such allowance plus the compensation received exceed \$210 per month for a veteran without a dependent, or \$270 per month for a veteran with one dependent, or \$290 for a veteran with two or more dependents: *Provided further,* That only so much of the compensation as is derived from productive labor based on the standard workweek

for the particular trade or industry, exclusive of overtime, shall be considered in computing the rate of allowances payable under this paragraph."

SEC. 2. So much of paragraph 3 of part VII of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, as precedes the first proviso, is hereby amended to read as follows:

*Ante*, p. 20.

"3. While pursuing training prescribed herein and for two months after his employability is determined, each veteran pursuing a course under this part, shall be paid a subsistence allowance of \$65 per month, if without a dependent or dependents, or \$90 per month, if he has a dependent or dependents: Except, That (1) each veteran pursuing a course of full-time institutional training under this part shall be paid a subsistence allowance of \$75 per month, if without a dependent or dependents, or \$105 per month, if he has one dependent, or \$120 per month, if he has more than one dependent, and (2) each veteran enrolled in and pursuing a course of institutional on-farm training or other combination course, under this part shall be paid, subject to the limitations of this paragraph, additional subsistence allowance in an amount bearing the same relation to the difference between the basic rates and the increased rates provided in (1) hereof as the institutional training part of such course bears to a course of full-time institutional training."

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on the first day of April, 1948.

Effective date.

Approved May 4, 1948.

[CHAPTER 256]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to provide salvage facilities, and for other purposes.

May 4, 1948  
[H. R. 4490]  
[Public Law 513]

*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:*

Navy Department.  
Salvage facilities.

(a) To provide, by contract or otherwise, necessary salvage facilities for both public and private vessels upon such terms and conditions as he may, in his discretion, determine to be in the best interests of the United States: *Provided*, That the proposed contracts for salvage facilities which affect the interests of the United States Maritime Commission shall be submitted to the Maritime Commission for recommendation and comment.

Submission to U. S.  
Maritime Commission.

(b) To acquire or to transfer, by charter or otherwise, for operation by private salvage companies, such vessels and equipment as he may deem necessary.

(c) To advance to private salvage companies such funds as may, in his judgment, be necessary to provide for the immediate financing of salvage operations, these advances to be on such terms and under such conditions as he may deem adequate for the protection of the Government.

SEC. 2. (a) Term contracts for the provision of salvage facilities shall be made under section 1 (a) of this Act only (1) after the Secretary of the Navy shall have determined that existing commercial salvage facilities available are not adequate to meet the requirements for such services in the interest of the national defense, and (2) after public notice of the intention to enter into such contracts shall have been given in such manner and for such period of time as will, in the judgment of the Secretary, provide the maximum competition among commercial salvage organizations for such contracts.

Term contracts.

(b) When any salvage vessel or salvage gear are sold, chartered, leased, loaned, or otherwise transferred by the Department of the Navy

Agreement by private party.