

Public Law 41

CHAPTER 75

AN ACT

May 27, 1953
[S. 1641]

To retrocede to the State of Oklahoma concurrent jurisdiction over the right-of-way for United States Highways 62 and 277 within the Fort Sill Military Reservation, Oklahoma.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby granted to the State of Oklahoma a retrocession of jurisdiction over that part of the Fort Sill Military Reservation for which permission to use as a highway right-of-way for United States Highways 62 and 277, eighty feet in width, with necessary borrow pits, was granted to the State of Oklahoma by the Assistant Secretary of War by permit dated October 13, 1932. This retrocession of jurisdiction is granted to the extent that all laws of the State and all laws of the United States shall be applicable within the entire area included within the said permit and the United States and the State shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction thereover.

Ft. Sill Military
Reservation, Okla.

SEC. 2. The retrocession of jurisdiction granted shall be effective upon the acceptance thereof by the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma.

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CHAPTER 84

AN ACT

May 29, 1953
[H. R. 1563]

To amend Veterans Regulation Numbered 2 (a), as amended, to provide that the amount of certain unnegotiated checks shall be paid as accrued benefits upon the death of the beneficiary-payee, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph V (2), part I, Veterans Regulation Numbered 2 (a), as added by the Act of July 13, 1943 (57 Stat. 557; 38 U. S. C., ch. 12, note), is amended to read as follows:

Veterans.

“(2) A check received by a payee in payment of pension, compensation, retirement pay, subsistence allowance, or education and training allowance shall, in the event of the death of the payee on or after the last day of the period covered by said check and unless negotiated by the payee or the duly appointed representative of his estate, be returned to the Veterans’ Administration and cancelled. The amount represented by any check returned and cancelled pursuant to the foregoing or any amount recovered by reason of improper negotiation of any such check shall constitute accrued benefits payable pursuant to the provisions of paragraph V (1): *Provided*, That the one-year limitations of paragraph V (1) shall not apply: *Provided further*, That any amount not so paid shall be paid upon settlement by the General Accounting Office to the estate of the deceased payee, if such estate will not escheat: *And provided further*, That the provisions of this subparagraph in effect prior to the date of approval of this amendment shall be applicable in the case of any payee dying prior to said date.”

Checks of deceased payee.

SEC. 2. The following provisions of law are hereby repealed (together with the punctuation mark immediately preceding the language in each case):

Repeals.

(a) That portion of section 4 of the Act of May 1, 1926 (44 Stat. 383), as amended (38 U. S. C. 364c), section 5 of the Act of July 3, 1926 (44 Stat. 807), as amended (38 U. S. C. 321a), and section 5 of the Act of June 2, 1930 (46 Stat. 493), as amended (38 U. S. C. 365d),

which reads in each cited Act as follows:

“and the issue of a check in payment of a pension for which the execution and submission of a voucher was not required shall constitute payment in the event of the death of the pensioner on or after the last day of the period covered by such check, and it shall not be cancelled, but shall become an asset of the estate of the deceased pensioner”, and

(b) The proviso in section 2 of the Act of May 23, 1928 (45 Stat. 715) as amended (38 U. S. C. 321b).

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CHAPTER 85

AN ACT

May 29, 1953
[H. R. 2990]

To amend the Act which incorporated the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Veterans of
Foreign Wars.

49 Stat. 1390.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act entitled “An Act to incorporate the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States”, approved May 28, 1936 (36 U. S. C., sec. 111), is amended by striking out “and marines” and inserting in lieu thereof “marines, and airmen”.

SEC. 2. Section 5 of such Act (36 U. S. C., sec. 115) is amended by striking out “Army, Navy, or Marine Corps” and inserting in lieu thereof “Armed Forces”.

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Public Law 44

CHAPTER 86

AN ACT

May 29, 1953
[H. R. 3406]

To authorize payment of salaries and expenses of officials of the Klamath Tribe.

Klamath Indians.

25 USC 563.

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, or such official as may be designated by him, is hereby authorized, until otherwise directed by Congress, to advance to the tribe or to pay out of any unobligated tribal funds of the Klamath Indians in the Treasury of the United States salaries and expenses of tribal officials or representatives (except the Klamath Loan Fund Board) at rates and/or limitations designated in advance by the Klamath General Council, or any governing body to which it may delegate such authority, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided,* That the length of stay of representatives serving the tribe at the seat of government shall be determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 2. The Act of June 25, 1938 (ch. 710, 52 Stat. 1207), as amended August 7, 1939 (ch. 519, 53 Stat. 1244), as amended May 15, 1945 (ch. 123, 59 Stat. 167), is hereby repealed.

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