

SEC. 7. This Act shall not be construed as restricting authority under any other provision of law to deny or withhold benefits authorized by law.

Authority to deny benefits.

SEC. 8. The President may drop from the rolls any member of the Armed Forces, including the Regular and Reserve components thereof, the Fleet Reserve, and the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, and any member of the Coast and Geodetic Survey or of the Public Health Service, who is deprived of retired pay under the provisions of this Act.

Armed Forces. Removal from rolls.

SEC. 9. If any provision of this Act, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Act, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

Separability.

SEC. 10. (a) Section 3282 of title 18 of the United States Code is amended by striking out "three" and inserting in lieu thereof "five".

Statute of limitations. 62 Stat. 828.

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall be effective with respect to offenses (1) committed on or after the date of enactment of this Act, or (2) committed prior to such date, if on such date prosecution therefor is not barred by provisions of law in effect prior to such date.

Approved September 1, 1954.

Public Law 770

CHAPTER 1254

AN ACT

September 3, 1954 [S. 2862]

To provide relief for the sheep-raising industry by making special nonquota immigrant visas available to certain skilled alien sheepherders.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for a period of one year after the effective date of this Act, in any case in which the Attorney General, under the authority of section 204 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, grants permission for the importation of a skilled alien sheepherder into the United States and the investigation of the application for such importation discloses that—

Alien sheepherders. Visas.

(1) the employment offered such skilled alien sheepherder is permanent; and

66 Stat. 179. 8 USC 1154.

(2) no immigration quota number of the quota to which such skilled alien sheepherder is chargeable under section 202 of the Immigration and Nationality Act is then available, a special nonquota immigrant visa may be issued to such skilled alien sheepherder as provided in this Act: *Provided*, That such skilled alien sheepherder is otherwise eligible to receive an immigrant visa under the immigration laws.

66 Stat. 176. 8 USC 1152.

SEC. 2. The Attorney General shall certify to the Secretary of State the name and address of every skilled alien sheepherder for which an application for importation under section 204 has been approved. If a quota number is not then available for such skilled alien sheepherder, the proper consular officer may issue a special nonquota immigrant visa to such skilled alien sheepherder.

8 USC 1154.

SEC. 3. (a) There shall not be issued more than three hundred and eighty-five special nonquota immigrant visas under this Act.

Limitation.

(b) Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed as increasing the immigration quota of any country or of altering the requirements for admission of aliens into the United States.

SEC. 4. Any alien who is excludable because of the conviction of a misdemeanor classifiable as a petty offense under the provisions of

Petty offense convictions.

62 Stat. 684.

section 1 (3) of title 18, United States Code, by reason of the punishment actually imposed, or who is excludable as one who admits the commission of such misdemeanor, may hereafter be granted a visa and admitted to the United States, if otherwise admissible: *Provided*, That the alien has committed only one such offense.

Approved September 3, 1954.

Public Law 771

CHAPTER 1255

AN ACT

September 3, 1954
[H. R. 1254]

To provide authorization for certain uses of public lands.

Public lands,
Permits, leases,
etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the head of any department or agency of the Government of the United States having jurisdiction over public lands and national forests, except national parks and monuments, of the United States is hereby authorized to grant permits, leases, or easements, in return for the payment of a price representing the fair market value of such permit, lease, or easement, to be fixed by such head of such department or agency through appraisal, for a period not to exceed thirty years from the date of any such permit, lease, or easement to States, counties, cities, towns, townships, municipal corporations, or other public agencies for the purpose of constructing and maintaining on such lands public buildings or other public works. In the event such lands cease to be used for the purpose for which such permit, lease, or easement was granted, the same shall thereupon terminate.

SEC. 2. The authority conferred by this Act shall be in addition to, and not in derogation of any authority heretofore conferred upon the head of any department or agency of the Government of the United States to grant permits, leases, easements, or rights-of-way.

Approved September 3, 1954.

Public Law 772

CHAPTER 1256

AN ACT

September 3, 1954
[H. R. 7130]

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the loss of nationality of persons convicted of certain crimes.

Expatriation Act
of 1954.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Expatriation Act of 1954".

SEC. 2. Paragraph (9) of subsection (a) of section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (66 Stat. 163, 268; 8 U. S. C. 1481 (a) (9)) is amended to read as follows:

"(9) committing any act of treason against, or attempting by force to overthrow, or bearing arms against, the United States, violating or conspiring to violate any of the provisions of section 2383 of title 18, United States Code, or willfully performing any act in violation of section 2385 of title 18, United States Code, or violating section 2384 of said title by engaging in a conspiracy to overthrow, put down, or to destroy by force the Government of the United States, or to levy war against them, if and when he is convicted thereof by a court martial or by a court of competent jurisdiction; or"

Approved September 3, 1954.

62 Stat. 808.