

Secretary of the Interior through appraisal, after taking into consideration the purpose for which the lands are to be used, or (d) lease such land to a nonprofit corporation or nonprofit association at a reasonable annual rental, for a period up to twenty years, and, at the discretion of the Secretary, with a privilege of renewal for a like period. Each patent or lease so issued shall contain a reservation to the United States of all mineral deposits in the lands conveyed or leased and of the right to mine and remove the same, under applicable laws and regulations to be established by the Secretary. Each lease shall contain a provision for its termination upon a finding by the Secretary that the land has not been used by the lessee for the purpose specified in the lease for such period, not over five years, as may be specified in the lease, or that such land or any part thereof is being devoted to another use.

Reservation to  
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"SEC. 3. Title to lands conveyed by the Government under this Act may not be transferred by the grantee or its successor except, with the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, to a transferee which would be a qualified grantee under section 2 (a) or (c) and subject to the acreage limitation contained in section 1 (b) of this Act. A grantee or its successor may not change the use specified in the conveyance to another or additional use except, with the consent of the Secretary, to a use for which such grantee or its successor could obtain a conveyance under this Act. If at any time after the lands are conveyed by the Government, the grantee or its successor attempts to transfer title to or control over these lands to another or the lands are devoted to a use other than that for which the lands were conveyed, without the consent of the Secretary, title to the lands shall revert to the United States. The provisions of this section, however, shall cease to be in effect as to any lands patented under this Act twenty-five years after the issuance of patent for such lands.

Title transfer.

"SEC. 4. The Secretary may authorize transfers of title or changes in use in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of this Act with respect to any patent heretofore issued under any Act upon application by a patentee qualified to obtain a conveyance under section 2 (a) or (c) of this Act. If the Secretary, pursuant to such an application, authorizes such transfer or use, all reverter provisions and other limitations on transfer or use, under this or any other Act affecting the lands involved, shall cease to be in effect twenty-five years after the Secretary authorizes the transfer or use for a changed or additional purpose under the provisions of this section.

Authorization.

"SEC. 5. The Act of September 30, 1890, entitled 'An Act to authorize entry of the public lands by incorporated cities and towns for cemetery and park purposes', and the Act of October 17, 1940, entitled 'An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to sell or lease for park or recreational purposes, and to sell for cemetery purposes, certain public lands in Alaska', are hereby repealed."

Repeals.

26 Stat. 502; 54  
Stat. 1192.  
43 USC 729 and  
note.

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CHAPTER 264

AN ACT

To provide for sundry administrative matters affecting the Federal Government, particularly the Army, Navy, Air Force, and State Department, and for other purposes.

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[H. R. 2225]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases where relief has been granted or may hereafter be granted to disbursing officers or agents of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and State Department operating under accounts of advances, under the authority of*

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any Act of Congress containing no provisions for the removal of charges outstanding in the accounts of advances of such Departments, and in all cases where charges have been outstanding in the accounts of advances of the aforesaid Departments for two full fiscal years and have been certified by the head of the Department concerned to the Comptroller General as uncollectible, such charges shall be removed by crediting the appropriate account of advances and debiting any appropriation made available therefor to the Department concerned: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this section shall in any way affect the financial liability of any disbursing officer, agent, or surety of the United States.

34 USC 546j.  
Navy Department.  
Binoculars.

SEC. 2. Section 5 of the Act of August 7, 1946 (60 Stat. 897, 898), is hereby amended by deleting the period after the word "loaned" and substituting a colon in place thereof, and by adding the following proviso thereto: "*Provided, however*, That claims for the return or replacement of binoculars under this section shall be filed with the Secretary of the Navy on or before December 31, 1954, and the United States shall be under no obligation to return, replace, or pay for binoculars under this section, for which no claim is so filed. After decision on claims submitted pursuant to this section, the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to dispose of any such binoculars held by the Navy in accordance with existing law."

Merchant ships.  
Fuel and supplies.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to sell to merchant ships, under such regulations as he may prescribe, and at such prices as he may deem reasonable, such fuel and other supplies as may be required to meet the necessities of such ships and as may not otherwise be locally procurable: *Provided*, That such ships, without such fuel or other emergency supplies to be furnished under this authority, are not able to proceed to the nearest port where such fuel and other supplies can be locally procured without endangering the health and comfort of the personnel, the safety of the ship, or the safe condition of the property thereon: *Provided further*, That the funds received from such sales shall, if not otherwise provided by law, be credited to the current appropriations concerned, and the amounts so credited shall be available for expenditures for the same purposes as the appropriations credited: *And provided further*, That such sales shall be on a cash basis or such other basis as will reasonably assure prompt payment for such supplies.

Transportation  
of personal effects.

SEC. 4. Under such regulations as the President may prescribe, appropriations chargeable for the transportation of baggage and household goods and effects of military personnel and civilian employees of departments or agencies of the Federal Government shall be available for the payment or reimbursement of general average contributions required in connection therewith: *Provided*, That no appropriation shall be available for the payment or reimbursement of general average contributions required in connection with and applicable to quantities of baggage and household goods and effects in excess of quantities authorized to be transported by law or regulation pursuant to law; nor shall any appropriations be so available in any case where the military person or civilian employee concerned (a) is allowed under any law or regulation pursuant to law a commutation in lieu of the actual transportation expenses or (b) has himself selected the means of shipment.

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