

SEC. 7. Section 309(f) is amended by changing "\$50,000,000" to "\$100,000,000". 7 USC 1929.

SEC. 8. Section 312 is amended by (a) revising subsection (4) to read as follows: "(4) financing land and water development, use, and conservation,"; (b) inserting new items (5) and (6) to read as follows: "(5) without regard to the requirements of section 311 (2) and (3), to individual farmers or ranchers to finance outdoor recreational enterprises or to convert to recreational uses their farming or ranching operations, including those heretofore financed under this title, (6) enterprises needed to supplement farm income,"; and (c) by renumbering the present items "(5), (6), and (7)" to "(7), (8), and (9)". 7 USC 1942.  
7 USC 1941.

SEC. 9. Section 313 is amended by changing the colon after "\$35,000" to a comma, and by striking the proviso in item (1). 7 USC 1943.

SEC. 10. Section 316 is amended by (a) striking from the first sentence "at an interest rate not to exceed 5 per centum per annum," and (b) adding at the end of the section the following: "Loans made under this subtitle shall bear interest at a rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury taking into consideration the current average market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States with remaining periods to maturity comparable to the average maturities of such loans, adjusted to the nearest one-eighth of 1 per centum, plus not to exceed 1 per centum per annum as determined by the Secretary." Interest rates.  
7 USC 1946.

SEC. 11. Section 331 is amended by adding a new subsection (f) at the end thereof to read as follows: Valueless liens.  
7 USC 1981.

"(f) Release mortgage and other contract liens if it appears that they have no present or prospective value or that their enforcement likely would be ineffectual or uneconomical."

SEC. 12. Section 333(b) of the Consolidated Farmers Home Administration Act of 1961 is amended by striking the word "farming". 7 USC 1983.

Approved August 15, 1968.

## Public Law 90-489

### AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a National Eye Institute in the National Institutes of Health.

August 16, 1968  
[H. R. 12843]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C., ch. 6A, subch. III) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new part:

National Eye Institute.  
Establishment.  
58 Stat. 707;  
76 Stat. 1072.  
42 USC 281-289h.

#### "PART F—NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE

##### "ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE

"SEC. 451. The Secretary is authorized to establish in the Public Health Service an institute for the conduct and support of research for new treatment and cures and training relating to blinding eye diseases and visual disorders, including research and training in the special health problems and requirements of the blind and in the basic

and clinical sciences relating to the mechanism of the visual function and preservation of sight. The Secretary is also authorized to plan for research and training, especially against the main causes of blindness and loss of visual function.

“ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY COUNCIL

“SEC. 452. (a) The Secretary is authorized to establish an advisory council to advise, consult with, and make recommendations to him on matters relating to the activities of the National Eye Institute.

64 Stat. 444.  
42 USC 289b.

“(b) The provisions relating to the composition, terms of office of members, and reappointment of members of advisory councils under section 432 (a) shall be applicable to the council established under this section, except that the Secretary may include on such council established under this section such additional ex officio members as he deems necessary.

“(c) Upon appointment of such council, it shall assume all or such part as the Secretary may specify of the duties, functions, and powers of the National Advisory Health Council relating to the research or training projects with which such council established under this part is concerned and such portion as the Secretary may specify of the duties, functions, and powers of any other advisory council established under this Act relating to such projects.

“FUNCTIONS

Research.  
42 USC 241.

“SEC. 453. The Secretary shall, through the National Eye Institute established under this part, carry out the purposes of section 301 with respect to the conduct and support of research with respect to blinding eye diseases and visual disorders associated with general health and well-being, including the special health problems and requirements of the blind and the mechanism of sight and visual function, except that the Secretary shall determine the areas in which and the extent to which he will carry out such purposes of section 301 through such Institute or an institute established by or under other provisions of this Act, or both of them, when both such institutes have functions with respect to the same subject matter. The Secretary is also authorized to provide training and instruction and establish and maintain traineeships and fellowships, in the National Eye Institute and elsewhere in matters relating to diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of blinding eye diseases and visual disorders with such stipends and allowances (including travel and subsistence expenses) for trainees and fellows as he deems necessary, and, in addition, provide for such training, instruction, and traineeships and for such fellowships through grants to public or other nonprofit institutions.”

Training and instruction; fellowships, grants, etc.

The name of the institute for neurological diseases and blindness is hereby changed to “the Institute for Neurological Diseases.”

“Institute for Neurological Diseases.”  
Post. p. 1362.  
42 USC 289a.

Approved August 16, 1968.