

served, or set apart for the use of the Department of the Interior as an inviolate sanctuary for migratory birds under any law, proclamation, or Executive order may be administered by the Secretary of the Interior, in his discretion, as a wildlife management area within which the taking of migratory game birds or resident species may be permitted under such regulations as he may prescribe: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding the fact that such lands constitute public property, the Secretary of the Interior shall comply with the requirements of section 4 of the Administrative Procedure Act (60 Stat. 238) in issuing regulations pursuant to the preceding proviso."

5 USC 1003.

"Waterfowl Production Areas",

SEC. 3. Section 4 of such Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection as follows:

"(c) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to utilize funds made available under subsection (b) of this section for the purposes of such subsection, and such other funds as may be appropriated for the purposes of such subsection, or of this subsection, to acquire, or defray the expense incident to the acquisition by gift, devise, lease, purchase, or exchange of, small wetland and pothole areas, interests therein, and rights-of-way to provide access thereto. Such small areas, to be designated as 'Waterfowl Production Areas', may be acquired without regard to the limitations and requirements of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act, but all of the provisions of such Act which govern the administration and protection of lands acquired thereunder, except the inviolate sanctuary provisions of such Act, shall be applicable to areas acquired pursuant to this subsection."

45 Stat. 1222.
16 USC 715.

Effective dates.

SEC. 4. The amendment made by the first section of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 1959. The amendment made by section 2 of this Act making available the net proceeds of all moneys received in the migratory bird conservation fund for the location, ascertainment, and acquisition of Waterfowl Production Areas and suitable areas for migratory bird refuges shall become effective on July 1, 1960. The remaining amendments made by this Act shall become effective on the date of the enactment of this Act. Any unobligated balance remaining in the migratory bird conservation fund on June 30, 1960, shall thereafter be available for expenditure only for the purposes specified in the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act of March 16, 1934, as amended by this Act.

48 Stat. 451.
16 USC 718-718h.

Approved August 1, 1958.

Public Law 85-586

AN ACT

To authorize refunds by the Veterans' Administration of amounts collected from former servicemen by the Government pursuant to guaranty of life insurance premiums under the original Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

August 1, 1958
[H. R. 9369]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is hereby authorized to make refunds, without interest, which are due on account of amounts collected by the United States Government by offset or otherwise from persons who made valid application for and were legally entitled to the protection of article IV of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as it existed prior to the amendments of October 6, 1942. No refund shall be made pursuant to this Act unless application therefor is made to the Veterans' Administration, within two years after the date of enactment of this Act and refund hereunder shall not be denied by reason of any other statutory time limitations, judgments heretofore rendered, or any other technical defense.

Veterans.
Life insurance
refunds.54 Stat. 1183.
50 USC 540-554.

Appropriations.

SEC. 2. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Fund may be used by the Veterans' Administration for making refunds pursuant to this Act and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated such additional sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Approved August 1, 1958.

Public Law 85-587

August 1, 1958
[S. 1732]

AN ACT

To readjust equitably the retirement benefits of certain individuals on the Emergency Officers' Retired List, and for other purposes.

Armed Forces.
Officers, emer-
gency retirement
benefits.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) upon application made to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs within one year after the date of enactment of this Act, each individual who has been placed upon an Emergency Officers' Retired List and is eligible to receive retired pay under the Act entitled "An Act making eligible for retirement under certain conditions, officers and former officers of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of the United States, other than officers of the Regular Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, who incurred physical disability in line of duty while in the service of the United States during the World War", approved May 24, 1928 (45 Stat. 735; 38 U. S. C. 581), as amended, shall be advanced on the applicable officers' retired list to the highest temporary grade in which he served satisfactorily on active duty for not less than six months as a commissioned officer of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard or of any reserve component of any such armed force, as determined by the cognizant Secretary, and shall be entitled to receive retired pay computed under applicable provisions of law on the basis of the base and longevity pay which any such officer received while serving on active duty in that grade during the period September 9, 1940, to June 30, 1946.

(b) No increased retired pay shall be paid to any individual by reason of the enactment of this Act for any period prior to the effective date of this Act.

(c) All erroneous payments of emergency officers' retirement pay made after September 30, 1949, and prior to the effective date of this Act to any individual advanced by virtue of the authority contained in this Act on the basis of service credits certified by the military department concerned, are hereby validated.

Effective date.

(d) This Act shall become effective on the first day of the first month beginning after the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved August 1, 1958.

Public Law 85-588

August 1, 1958
[H. R. 11636]

AN ACT

To amend section 6018 of title 10, United States Code, requiring the Secretary of the Navy to determine that the employment of officers of the Regular Navy on shore duty is required by the public interest.

70A Stat. 376.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6018 (2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking "and his determination to that effect is stated in the officer's orders to shore duty".

Approved August 1, 1958.