

Contracts.

SEC. 2. The Secretary, in carrying out the provisions of this joint resolution, is authorized to enter into contracts in accordance with the provisions of the Johnson-O'Malley Act of June 4, 1936 (49 Stat. 1458; 25 U. S. C. 452).

Report to Congress.

SEC. 3. Not later than two years after funds are made available to carry out the purposes of this joint resolution, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a complete report of the results of such study and investigation, together with such recommendations as he deems desirable.

Appropriation.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this joint resolution.

Approved July 14, 1956.

Public Law 703

CHAPTER 589

AN ACT

July 14, 1956
[S. 584]

To amend title 28, United States Code relating to the Customs Court.

Customs Court.
62 Stat. 899.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 251 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the first sentence thereof a new sentence as follows: "Such court is hereby declared to be a court established under article III of the Constitution of the United States."

62 Stat. 901.

SEC. 2. Section 292 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by inserting at the end of such section a new subsection as follows:

"(f) The Chief Justice of the United States may upon presentation to him by the chief judge of the Customs Court of a certificate of necessity, designate and assign temporarily any district judge to serve as a judge of the Customs Court."

62 Stat. 901.

SEC. 3. (a) Section 293 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by inserting at the end of such section a new paragraph as follows:

"The Chief Justice of the United States may designate and assign temporarily a judge of the Customs Court to perform judicial duties in a district court in any circuit upon presentation of a certificate of necessity by the chief judge or circuit justice of the circuit wherein the need arises."

62 Stat. 901.

(b) The first paragraph of section 295 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new sentence as follows: "No designation and assignment of a judge of the Customs Court in active service shall be made without the consent of the chief judge of such court."

SEC. 4. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed in any way to limit or alter the jurisdiction heretofore conferred upon the United States Customs Court by any provision of law.

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Public Law 704

CHAPTER 590

AN ACT

July 14, 1956
[S. 1739]

To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to fix rates of compensation of members of certain examining and licensing boards and commissions, and for other purposes.

D. C. licensing
and examining
boards.
Compensation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) notwithstanding the provisions set forth in the Acts mentioned in section 2 of

this Act, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized and empowered to determine from time to time the honorariums to be paid to the members of the boards, commissions, and committees appointed and established by authority of such Acts, such authority to include the power to determine the total amount per annum of any such honorarium.

(b) The funds (including bonds or other securities referred to in section 10 of the Act approved December 20, 1944, as amended July 5, 1952) derived from fees and charges for examinations, licenses, certificates, registrations, or for any other service rendered by any such board, commission, or committee, remaining after the payment, or provision made for payment of all obligations of the respective boards, commissions, and committees outstanding as of June 30, 1954, shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the District of Columbia and on and after the effective date of this Act all moneys collected for such fees and charges shall be paid into the Treasury to the credit of the District of Columbia.

(c) Notwithstanding the limitation of any other law or regulation to the contrary, any person heretofore or hereafter appointed as a member of any such board, commission or committee may receive his honorarium as well as any retired pay, retirement compensation, or annuity to which such member may be entitled on account of previous service rendered to the United States or District of Columbia Governments.

(d) As used in this Act, "honorarium" means the fee, per diem, compensation, or any amount paid to any member of any such board, commission, or committee for service as such member. The United States Civil Service Commission, upon recommendation of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, is authorized to exclude from the operation of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, any officer or employee or group of officers or employees within the purview of this Act whose services are intermittent and tenure of office is of limited duration.

SEC. 2. This Act shall apply to the boards, commissions, and committees and the members thereof, respectively, established pursuant to the following Acts:

(a) The Act entitled "An Act to regulate steam-engineering in the District of Columbia", approved February 28, 1887 (24 Stat. 427, ch. 272), as amended (title 2, ch. 15, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(b) The Act entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of pharmacy and the sale of poisons in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved May 7, 1906 (34 Stat. 175, ch. 2084), as amended (title 2, ch. 6, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(c) The Act entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine in the District of Columbia", approved February 1, 1907 (34 Stat. 870, ch. 442; title 2, ch. 8, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(d) The Act entitled "An Act to define the term of 'registered nurse' and to provide for the registration of nurses in the District of Columbia", approved February 9, 1907 (34 Stat. 887, ch. 913), as amended (title 2, ch. 4, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(e) The Act entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of podiatry in the District of Columbia", approved May 23, 1918 (40 Stat. 560, ch. 82), as amended (title 2, ch. 7, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(f) The Act entitled "An Act to create a board of accountancy for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved February 17, 1923 (42 Stat. 1261, ch. 94), as amended (title 2, ch. 9, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(g) The Act entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of optometry in the District of Columbia", approved May 28, 1924 (43 Stat. 177; ch. 202; title 2, ch. 5, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

Boxing Commission.

58 Stat. 825; 66 Stat. 393.
D. C. Code 2-1219.

"Honorarium."

46 Stat. 468.
5 USC 691 note.

(h) The Act entitled "An Act to provide for the examination and registration of architects and to regulate the practice of architecture in the District of Columbia", approved December 13, 1924 (43 Stat. 713, ch. 9), as amended (title 2, ch. 10, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(i) The Act entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of the healing art to protect the public health in the District of Columbia", approved February 27, 1929 (45 Stat. 1326, ch. 352), as amended (title 2, ch. 1, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(j) The Act entitled "An Act to define, regulate, and license real estate brokers, business chance brokers, and real estate salesmen; to create a Real Estate Commission in the District of Columbia; to protect the public against fraud in real estate transactions; and for other purposes", approved August 25, 1937 (50 Stat. 787, ch. 760), as amended (title 45, ch. 14, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(k) The Act entitled "An Act to provide for the examination and licensing of those engaging in the practice of cosmetology, in the District of Columbia", approved June 7, 1938 (52 Stat. 611, ch. 321; title 2, ch. 13, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(l) The Act entitled "An Act to regulate barbers in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved June 7, 1938 (52 Stat. 620, ch. 322), as amended (title 2, ch. 11, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(m) The Act entitled "An Act to amend the Act for the regulation of the practice of dentistry in the District of Columbia, and for the protection of the people from empiricism in relation thereto, approved June 6, 1892, and Acts amendatory thereof", approved July 2, 1940 (54 Stat. 716, ch. 513; title 2, ch. 3, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(n) The Act entitled "An Act to regulate boxing contests and exhibitions in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved December 20, 1944 (58 Stat. 823, ch. 612), as amended (title 2, ch. 12, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(o) The Act entitled "An Act defining and regulating the practice of the profession of engineering and creating a Board of Registration for Professional Engineers in the District of Columbia", approved September 19, 1950 (64 Stat. 854, ch. 953, title 2, ch. 18, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(p) Section 7 of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, and for other purposes, approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat. 622, ch. 1352), as amended and supplemented (title 47, ch. 23, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(q) The first section of the Act entitled "An Act to grant additional powers to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved December 20, 1944 (58 Stat. 819, ch. 611), as amended (sec. 1-244, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

(r) The Act entitled "An Act to regulate plumbing and gas fitting in the District of Columbia", approved June 18, 1898 (30 Stat. 477, ch. 467), as amended (title 2, ch. 14, D. C. Code, 1951 edition).

Refunds.

SEC. 3. Any fee or charge paid for an examination, license, certificate or registration pursuant to any Act mentioned in section 2 of this Act shall, if not earned, be refunded upon application therefor: *Provided*, That application for refund is made not later than the end of the third fiscal year following the fiscal year in which such fee or charge was made.

Change of license, etc., period.

SEC. 4. The Commissioners are authorized, after a public hearing, to fix and change from time to time the period for which any license, certificate or registration authorized by any Act set forth in section 2 of this Act may be issued. Upon change of a license, certificate or registration period, the fee for any such license, certificate, or registration shall be prorated on the basis of the time covered.

SEC. 5. Whenever any board, commission, or committee, other than the Commissioners, is mentioned in this Act, such board, commission, or committee shall be deemed to be the board, commission, or committee or other agency succeeding to the functions of the board, commission, or committee, so mentioned, pursuant to Reorganization Plan Numbered 5 of 1952.

D. C. Code, title
1 app.

SEC. 6. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the revenues of the District of Columbia such sums as may be necessary to pay the expenses of administering the Acts listed in section 2 of this Act, including the expenses of the Department of Occupations and Professions, established pursuant to authority contained in Reorganization Plan Numbered 5 of 1952.

Appropriation.

D. C. Code, title
1 app.

Approved July 14, 1956.

Public Law 705

CHAPTER 591

AN ACT

To amend certain provisions of law in order to provide for the reimbursement of the Post Office Department by Government agencies in certain additional cases for the transmission of mail matter.

July 14, 1956
[S. 1871]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to reimburse the Post Office Department for the transmission of official Government-mail matter", approved August 15, 1953 (67 Stat. 614; Public Law 286, Eighty-third Congress), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sections:

Government mail.
Reimbursement
for transmission.

39 USC 321i and
note.

"SEC. 3. There shall be paid to the Post Office Department, as postal revenue, out of any appropriations or funds available to each department, agency, establishment, or Government corporation concerned and as a necessary expense of such appropriations and funds and of the activities concerned, the equivalent amount of postage or registry fees, as determined pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Postmaster General, for matter sent in the mails, without prepayment of postage or without prepayment of registry fees, by or to such department, agency, establishment, or corporation, for which the Post Office Department does not otherwise receive compensation, under authority of the following provisions of law:

"(1) Section 3932 of the Revised Statutes (39 U. S. C., sec. 385);

"(2) The proviso added by section 2 of the Act of May 1, 1928 (45 Stat. 469; 39 U. S. C., sec. 321a), to section 29 of the Act of March 3, 1879, as amended (20 Stat. 362; 23 Stat. 158; 28 Stat. 412; 29 Stat. 590);

"(3) Section 10 of title 13 of the United States Code;

68 Stat. 1014.

"(4) The second sentence of section 306 of the Penalty Mail Act of 1948 (62 Stat. 1049; 39 U. S. C., sec. 321n); and

"(5) Section 345 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (66 Stat. 266; 8 U. S. C., sec. 1456).

"SEC. 4. There shall be paid to the Post Office Department, as postal revenue, out of appropriations made to the Department of Agriculture for such purpose, the equivalent amount of postage, as determined pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Postmaster General, for matter sent in the mails without prepayment of postage under authority of the following provisions of law:

Dept. of Agriculture.

"(1) Section 6 of the Act entitled 'An Act to establish agricultural experiment stations in connection with the colleges established in the several States under the provisions of an Act approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and of the acts supplementary thereto', approved March 2, 1887, as amended (69 Stat. 673; 7 U. S. C., sec. 361f);

24 Stat. 441.