

under a Medical Facilities Act) recovery by the United States would be authorized, the unpaid balance of the loan shall become immediately due and payable by the applicant, and any transferee of the facility for which such loan was made shall be liable to the United States for such repayment.

MEANING OF TERMS

SEC. 6. The terms used in this Act shall have the same meaning as when used in the applicable Medical Facilities Act.

Approved August 3, 1968.

Public Law 90-458

AN ACT

August 3, 1968
[S. 1224]

To establish a register of blind persons in the District of Columbia, to provide for the mandatory reporting of information concerning such persons, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of the District of Columbia shall establish and maintain a register of blind persons residing in the District of Columbia. Such register shall, under regulations prescribed by the District of Columbia Council, provide information of such nature as will or may be of assistance in the planning of improved facilities and services for blind persons and in the restoration and conservation of sight.

D.C. register of
blind persons.
Establishment.

SEC. 2. Each—

Reporting of
information.

(1) health, educational, and social service agency or institution operating in the District of Columbia and having in its care or custody (either full or part time), or rendering service to, any blind person,

(2) physician and osteopath licensed or registered by the District of Columbia who has in his professional care for diagnosis or treatment such a person, and

(3) optometrist licensed by the District of Columbia who, in the course of his practice of optometry, ascertains that a person is blind,

shall report in writing to the Commissioner the name, age, and residence of such person and such additional information as the Council may, by regulation, require for incorporation in the register referred to in the first section. Such register and reports shall not be open to public inspection. The Commissioner may make available in the form of statistical abstracts or digests information contained in such register and reports if the identity of persons referred to in such register or reports is not disclosed in such abstracts or digests.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of this Act—

Definitions.

(1) the term "blind person" means, and the term "blind" refers to, a person who (A) is totally blind, (B) has impaired vision of not more than 20/200 visual acuity in the better eye and for whom vision cannot be improved to better than 20/200, or (C) who has loss of vision due wholly or in part to impairment of field vision or to other factors which affect the usefulness of vision to a like degree,

(2) the term "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the District of Columbia or his designated agent, and

(3) the term "Council" means the District of Columbia Council.

SEC. 4. Any person who in good faith makes a report pursuant to this Act or pursuant to any regulation promulgated under the author-

ity of this Act, shall not, by reason thereof, be personally liable in damages.

Effective date.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the first month which begins on or after the thirtieth day after the date of its enactment.

Approved August 3, 1968.

Public Law 90-459

August 3, 1968
[H. R. 9606]

AN ACT

To exempt from taxation certain property of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the District of Columbia.

D.C.
National Society
of the Colonial
Dames of America.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law 299, Eighty-first Congress, first session, approved September 7, 1949 (63 Stat. 694, ch. 564) appearing in the District of Columbia Code, 1961 edition, as section 47-801a-2, be and the same is hereby amended by adding a new sentence at the end thereof as follows: "There shall also be exempt from taxation upon the same terms and conditions the adjoining property owned by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, now designated on the records of the Assessor of the District of Columbia as Lots 813 and 814 in Square 1285, together with any improvements which may hereafter be erected thereon by said National Society of the Colonial Dames of America."

Effective date.

SEC. 2. This amendment shall apply with respect to taxable years beginning after June 30, 1968.

Approved August 3, 1968.

Public Law 90-460

August 3, 1968
[H. R. 16729]

AN ACT

To extend for two years certain programs providing assistance to students at institutions of higher education, to modify such programs, and to provide for planning, evaluation, and adequate leadtime in such programs.

Higher educa-
tion.
Student assist-
ance programs,
extension.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

EXTENSION OF STUDENT LOAN INSURANCE PROGRAMS

79 Stat. 1237.
20 USC 1074.

SECTION 1. (a) (1) Section 424(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is amended (A) in the first sentence by striking out "fiscal year ending June 30, 1968" and inserting in lieu thereof "period thereafter ending October 31, 1968", and (B) in the second sentence by striking out "June 30, 1972" and inserting "October 31, 1968".

20 USC 1078.

(2) Section 428(a) of such Act is amended by striking out "June 30, 1968" and all that follows down through the period and inserting in lieu thereof "October 31, 1968."

79 Stat. 1038.
20 USC 984.

(b) (1) Section 5(a) of the National Vocational Student Loan Insurance Act of 1965 is amended (A) in the first sentence by striking out "and in each of the two succeeding fiscal years" and inserting in lieu thereof "in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, and in the period thereafter ending October 31, 1968", and (B) in the second sentence by striking out "June 30, 1972" and inserting in lieu thereof "October 31, 1968".