loss of use, by reason of amputation, ankylosis, progressive muscular dystrophies, or paralysis, of both lower extremities, such as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheel chair, shall be entitled to assistance in acquiring a suitable housing unit with special fixtures or movable facilities made necessary by the nature of the person’s disability, and necessary land therefor, subject to the provisions and limitations of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, part IX."

Sec. 2. Paragraph 1, part IX, of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as added by Public Law 702, Eightieth Congress, approved June 19, 1948, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"1. The Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs is authorized, under such regulations as he may prescribe, to assist any person (hereinafter referred to as ‘veteran’) who served in the active military or naval service of the United States, who is entitled to compensation under the provisions of this regulation for permanent and total service-connected disability due to the loss, or loss of use, by reason of amputation, ankylosis, progressive muscular dystrophies, or paralysis, of both lower extremities, such as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheel chair, in acquiring a suitable housing unit with special fixtures or movable facilities made necessary by the nature of the veteran’s disability, and necessary land therefor: Provided, That the regulations of the Administrator shall include, but not be limited to, provisions requiring findings that (a) it is medically feasible for such veteran to reside in the proposed housing unit and in the proposed locality; (b) the proposed housing unit bears a proper relation to the veteran’s present and anticipated income and expenses; and (c) that the nature and condition of the proposed housing unit are such as to be suitable to the veteran’s needs for dwelling purposes."

Approved September 7, 1949.

[CHAPTER 537]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Army to purchase certain property in Morgan County.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army is hereby authorized and directed to acquire through purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, and to pay compensation, for all right, title, and interest, including easements and any and all other appurtenant rights and privileges which the Morgan County Farm Bureau Cooperative Association has in and to a tract of land, comprising seven and twenty-nine one-hundredths acres, more or less, located in Morgan township, Morgan County, State of Ohio; said property consisting of a mill building, appurtenant works, together with certain rights and water privileges granted to Robert McConnell, a predecessor in title, by the State of Ohio.

Sec. 2. In his discretion, the Secretary of the Army may authorize the owner to remove any improvements on the property: Provided, That appropriate reduction of the salvage value thereof shall be made from the purchase price.

Sec. 3. Funds appropriated for the maintenance and improvement of river and harbor works may be expended to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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