[CHAPTER 678]  

AN ACT  

To increase the rates of compensation of certain employees of the Department of Medicine and Surgery of the Veterans' Administration, and for other purposes.  

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act of January 3, 1946, as amended (Public Law 293, Seventy-ninth Congress, 59 Stat. 675; 38 U. S. C. 15), is amended as follows:  

(1) Subsection (a) is amended to read as follows: "The office of the Chief Medical Director shall consist of the Chief Medical Director, one Deputy Chief Medical Director, not to exceed eight Assistant Chief Medical Directors, and such other personnel and employees as may be authorized by this Act."

(2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking out the figures "$12,000" and substituting therefor "$16,000".

(3) Subsection (c) is amended to read as follows: "The Deputy Chief Medical Director shall be the principal assistant of the Chief Medical Director. He shall be a qualified doctor of medicine, appointed by the Administrator. During the period of his service as such, the Deputy Chief Medical Director shall be paid a salary of $15,000 a year."

(4) Subsection (d) is amended to read as follows: "Each Assistant Chief Medical Director shall be appointed by the Administrator upon the recommendation of the Chief Medical Director and shall be paid a salary of $13,000 minimum to $14,000 maximum: Provided, That one Assistant Chief Medical Director shall be a qualified doctor of dental surgery who shall be directly responsible to the Chief Medical Director for the operations of the Dental Service. Not to exceed twenty directors of service or chiefs of division, designated by the Chief Medical Director, shall, within the limitations otherwise prescribed in this Act, be paid a salary of $11,500 minimum to $12,500 maximum."

(5) Subsection (e) is amended by striking out the figures "$8,000" and substituting therefor "$10,000", and striking out the figures "$7,000" and substituting therefor "$8,800".

(6) Subsection (f) is amended by striking out the figures "$6,000" and substituting therefor "$8,800".

SEC. 2. Section 7 (a) of said Act of January 3, 1946, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows: "The grades and per annum full-pay ranges for positions provided in subsection (a) of section 4 of this Act shall be as follows:

"MEDICAL SERVICE"

"Chief grade, $10,000 minimum to $11,000 maximum."
"Senior grade, $8,800 minimum to $9,800 maximum."
"Intermediate grade, $7,600 minimum to $8,600 maximum."
"Full grade, $6,400 minimum to $7,400 maximum."
"Associate grade, $5,400 minimum to $6,400 maximum."
"Junior grade, $5,000 minimum to $5,750 maximum."

"DENTAL SERVICE"

"Chief grade, $10,000 minimum to $11,000 maximum."
"Senior grade, $8,800 minimum to $9,800 maximum."
"Intermediate grade, $7,600 minimum to $8,600 maximum."
"Full grade, $6,400 minimum to $7,400 maximum."
"Associate grade, $5,400 minimum to $6,400 maximum."
"Junior grade, $5,000 minimum to $5,750 maximum."
"NURSING SERVICE

"Assistant Director, $6,400 minimum to $7,400 maximum.
"Senior grade, $5,400 minimum to $6,400 maximum.
"Full grade, $4,600 minimum to $5,350 maximum.
"Associate grade, $4,000 minimum to $4,800 maximum.
"Junior grade, $3,400 minimum to $4,200 maximum."

Sec. 3. Section 8 (d) of the said Act of January 3, 1946, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out the figures "$11,000" and substituting therefor "$12,000".

Sec. 4. Section 11 of the Act of January 3, 1946, as amended (Public Law 293, Seventy-ninth Congress; 38 U. S. C. 15), is amended by substituting a period for the colon immediately preceding the last proviso and by deleting the said last proviso.

Sec. 5. This Act shall become effective on the first day of the second calendar month following the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved October 12, 1949.

[CHAPTER 680]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, and for other purposes.

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

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, namely:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Salaries, Office of the Secretary: For the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter in this Act referred to as the Secretary), and other personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, including services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a), $1,282,675: Provided, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for the broadcast of radio programs designed or calculated to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation pending before the Congress.

Salaries, Office of Solicitor: For personal services in the District of Columbia and in the field, $284,000.

Salaries and expenses, Division of Territories and Island Possessions: For expenses necessary for the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, including personal services in the District of Columbia; services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); printing and binding; and items otherwise properly chargeable to the appropriation "Contingent expenses, Department of the Interior"; $203,750.

Salaries and expenses, Oil and Gas Division: For expenses necessary for coordinating and unifying policies and administration of Federal activities relative to oil, gas, and synthetic fuels, including cooperation with the petroleum industry and State authorities in the production, processing, and utilization of petroleum and petroleum products, natural gas, and synthetic fuels and the compilation of technical reports thereon, for administering and enforcing the provisions of the Act of February 22, 1935, as amended (15 U. S. C., ch. 15A); including personal services in the District of Columbia; for employment of a director without regard to the civil-service laws;