

group shall make their quarterly payments of pensions on January fourth, April fourth, July fourth, and October fourth of each year; the second group shall make their quarterly payments of pensions on February fourth, May fourth, August fourth, and November fourth of each year; and the third group shall make their quarterly payments of pensions on March fourth, June fourth, September fourth, and December fourth of each year. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby fully authorized to cause payments of pensions to be made for the fractional parts of quarters created by such change, so as to properly adjust all payments as herein provided. Section forty-seven hundred and sixty-four of the Revised Statutes is hereby so amended as to conform to the changes in the time of payments provided herein, and is made applicable thereto.

Quarterly payments to groups.

R. S., sec. 4764, p. 926, amended.

The sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to meet the expenses involved in carrying into effect the changes herein provided for.

Expenses of change.

SEC. 3. That the same power to administer oaths and take affidavits, which by virtue of section forty-seven hundred and forty-four of the Revised Statutes is conferred upon clerks detailed by the Commissioner of Pensions from his office to investigate suspected attempts at fraud on the Government through and by virtue of the pension laws, and to aid in prosecuting any person so offending, shall be, and is hereby, extended to all special examiners or additional special examiners employed under authority of Congress to aid in the same purpose.

Investigating officers may administer oaths, etc.

R. S., sec. 4744, p. 923.

Approved, March 3, 1891.

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CHAP. 549.—An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury, in his discretion, to suspend for a period of one year from March twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, the provisions of an act approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "An act to amend sections forty-four hundred and eighty-eight and forty-four hundred and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes, requiring life-saving appliances on steamers," so far as they relate to steamers plying exclusively upon any of the lakes or bays of the United States;

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to suspend for a period of one year from the twenty ninth day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, so far as they relate to steamers plying exclusively upon any of the lakes or bays of the United States, the provisions of an act to amend sections forty-four hundred and eighty eight and forty-four hundred and eighty nine of the Revised Statutes, of the United States, approved, March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, requiring line-carrying projectiles and the means of propelling them to be carried on steamers, and the rules and regulations relating thereto adopted by the Board of Supervising Inspectors, approved by the Secretary of the Treasury March second eighteen hundred and ninety.

Suspension as to lakes, etc., of law requiring line-carrying projectiles on steamers.

R. S., secs. 4488, 4489 p. 808. Vol. 25, p. 1012.

Ante, p. 32.

The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to make a series of experiments with such line carrying projectiles and the means of propelling them as may be submitted, and to report the same to Congress, at the beginning of the first session of the Fifty-second Congress, and also his opinion as to whether necessity exists for such life-saving appliances as are now required by the regulations of the Treasury Department under the aforesaid sections of the Revised Statutes, as amended, and as to what changes, if any, in such law or regulations may be deemed advisable by him to meet the interests of life-saving and the shipping interests alike.

Experiments, etc., of life-saving appliances.

Approved, March 3, 1891.