

construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across Little Peedee River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near the site of the present bridge at Galivants Ferry, in the counties of Marion and Horry, in the State of South Carolina, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, June 19, 1918.

CHAP. 103.—An Act To authorize aids to navigation and for other works in the Lighthouse Service, and for other purposes.

June 20, 1918.
[H. R. 11284.]

[Public, No. 174.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Commerce is hereby authorized to establish, provide, or improve the following aids to navigation and other works in the Lighthouse Service, under the Department of Commerce, in accordance with the respective limits of cost hereinafter respectively set forth, which shall in no case be exceeded:

Aids to navigation.

GENERAL SERVICE.

General service.

Constructing or purchasing and equipping lighthouse tenders and light vessels, to replace vessels worn out in service, in the third, fifth, and eighth lighthouse districts, or for use in the Lighthouse Service generally, \$760,000.

Vessels.

SECOND LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT.

Second district.

The sum of \$15,000 appropriated in "An Act making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and prior fiscal years, on account of war expenses, and for other purposes," approved March twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, for the installation of an electrically operated fog-signal whistle on the east breakwater, Nantucket Harbor, Massachusetts, is hereby made available for the operation of an electrically operated fog bell at said point.

Nantucket, Mass.
Electric fog bell instead of whistle, authorized.
A. n. c., p. 496.

THIRD LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT.

Third district.

Improving the lighting in Ambrose Channel, New York, \$26,000.
Extending and enlarging the machine shop at the general lighthouse depot, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, New York, \$30,000.

Ambrose Channel, N. Y.
Tompkinsville, N. Y., depot.

Improving and extending the wharves at the general lighthouse depot, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, New York, \$65,000.

FOURTH LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT.

Fourth district.

Establishing gas buoys and improving aids to navigation in the vicinity of Joe Flogger Shoal, Delaware, \$40,000.

Joe Flogger Shoal, Del.

FIFTH LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT.

Fifth district.

Enlarging and improving the lighthouse depot at Portsmouth, Virginia, in the fifth lighthouse district, or establishing a new depot, \$275,000.

Portsmouth, Va.
depot.

Gas buoys.

Purchase of additional gas buoys for the improvement of aids to navigation in the fifth lighthouse district, \$125,000.

Potomac River, Md. and Va.

Improving the aids to navigation and installing new aids in the Potomac River, Maryland and Virginia, \$95,000.

Eighth district.

EIGHTH LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT.

Sand Island, Ala.

Improving Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, \$45,000.

New Orleans, La., depot.

Constructing and equipping a lighthouse depot for the eighth lighthouse district at New Orleans, Louisiana, or vicinity, \$88,500.

Ninth district.

NINTH LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT.

Virgin Islands, W. I.

Establishing and improving aids to navigation in the Virgin Islands of the United States and adjacent waters, West Indies, \$50,000.

Eleventh district.

ELEVENTH LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT.

Spectacle Reef, Mich.

Improving Spectacle Reef Light Station, Michigan, \$28,000.

Saint Marys River, Mich.

Improving, repairing, establishing, and moving aids to navigation in Saint Marys River, Michigan, and vicinity, \$80,000.

Teachers for children of keepers.

SEC. 2. That hereafter the appropriation, "General expenses, Lighthouse Service," shall be available, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce, for the payment of traveling and subsistence expenses of teachers while actually employed by States or private persons to instruct the children of keepers of lighthouses.

Ration and commutation for keepers increased.

Vol. 35, p. 163, amended.

SEC. 3. That hereafter every lighthouse keeper and assistant lighthouse keeper in the Lighthouse Service of the United States shall be entitled to receive one ration per day, or, in the discretion of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, commutation therefor at the rate of 45 cents per ration.

Sale of Bureau publications.

SEC. 4. That hereafter the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to provide, under regulations to be prescribed by him, for the sale of publications of the Bureau of Lighthouses and the Lighthouse Service, including the allowance of a commission for such sales.

Lakes Union and Washington, Wash. Post lights, etc., authorized.

SEC. 5. That hereafter post lantern lights and other aids to navigation may be established and maintained, in the discretion of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, out of the annual appropriations for the Lighthouse Service, on Lakes Union and Washington, in the State of Washington.

Retirement of officers and employees at 65, etc.

SEC. 6. That hereafter all officers and employees engaged in the field service or on vessels of the Lighthouse Service, except persons continuously employed in district offices or shops, who shall have reached the age of sixty-five years, after having been thirty years in the active service of the Government, may at their option be retired from further performance of duty; and all such officers and employees who shall have reached the age of seventy years shall be compulsorily retired from further performance of duty: *Provided*, That the annual compensation of persons so retired shall be a sum equal to one-fortieth of the average annual pay received for the last five years of service for each year of active service in the Lighthouse Service or in a department or branch of the Government having a retirement system, not to exceed in any case thirty-fortieths of such average annual pay received: *Provided further*, That such retirement pay shall not include any amount on account of subsistence or other allowance.

Provisos. Basis of computing pay.

Allowances not included.

Superintendents of lighthouses. Office and pay established.

SEC. 7. That hereafter a superintendent of lighthouses shall be assigned in charge of each lighthouse district at an annual salary of not exceeding \$3,000 each, except that the salary of the third lighthouse district shall remain at \$3,600, as now fixed by law:

Provided, That officers now designated as lighthouse inspectors shall be transferred to the positions of superintendent of lighthouses herein authorized in lieu of lighthouse inspectors: *Provided further*, That in the districts which include the Mississippi River and its tributaries the President may designate Army engineers to perform the duties of and act as superintendent of lighthouses without additional compensation.

Proviso.
Inspectors transferred to new offices.

Mississippi River, etc., districts under Army engineers.

SEC. 8. That section forty-six hundred and seventy-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended to read as follows: "SEC. 4673. The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to regulate the salaries of the respective keepers of lighthouses in such manner as he deems just and proper, but the whole sum allowed for such salaries shall not exceed an average of \$840 per annum for each keeper; and the authority herein granted to regulate the salaries of keepers of lighthouses shall not be abridged or limited by the provisions of section seven of the general deficiency appropriation Act approved August twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and twelve, as amended by section four of the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation Act approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and thirteen." (United States Statutes at Large, volume thirty-seven, page seven hundred and ninety.)

Keepers.
Pay increased.
R. S., sec. 4673, p. 908, amended.

Restriction not applicable.
Vol. 37, p. 790.

Approved, June 20, 1918.

CHAP. 104.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the establishment of a Bureau of War Risk Insurance in the Treasury Department," approved September second, nineteen hundred and fourteen, as amended.

June 25, 1918.
[S. 4482.]

[Public, No. 175.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second subdivision (4) of section twenty-two of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the establishment of a Bureau of War Risk Insurance in the Treasury Department," approved September second, nineteen hundred and fourteen, as amended, relating to the definition of the term "parent," is hereby amended to read as follows:

War Risk Insurance Act Amendments.
Ante, p. 401, amended.

Parents through adoption included.

"(4) The term 'parent' includes a father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, father through adoption, mother through adoption, stepfather, and stepmother, either of the person in the service or of the spouse."

SEC. 2. That four new sections are hereby added to Article I of said Act, to be known as sections twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, and thirty, respectively, and to read as follows:

New sections added.
Ante, p. 402, amended.

"SEC. 27. That whoever shall obtain or receive any money, check, allotment, family allowance, compensation, or insurance under Articles II, III, or IV of this Act, without being entitled thereto, with intent to defraud the United States or any person in the military or naval forces of the United States, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$2,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

Punishment for fraudulently receiving money, etc.

"SEC. 28. That the allotments and family allowances, compensation, and insurance payable under Articles II, III, and IV, respectively, shall not be assignable; shall not be subject to the claims of creditors of any person to whom an award is made under Articles II, III, or IV; and shall be exempt from all taxation: *Provided*, That such allotments and family allowances, compensation, and insurance shall be subject to any claims which the United States may have, under Articles II, III, and IV, against the person on whose account the allotments and family allowances, compensation, or insurance is payable.

Payments not assignable, subject to debts, nor taxable.

Proviso.
Subject to claims of United States.

"SEC. 29. That the discharge or dismissal of any person from the military or naval forces on the ground that he is an enemy alien,

Insurance and compensation barred for specified causes.