

weight, and fineness and of a special appropriate design to be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, but the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the models for master dies or other preparations for this coinage.

No Federal expense for dies, etc.

SEC. 2. That the coins herein authorized shall be issued at par and only upon the request of the chairman or secretary of the Connecticut Tercentenary Commission.

Issue at par to Connecticut Tercentenary Commission.

SEC. 3. Such coins may be disposed of at par or at a premium by said Commission and all proceeds shall be used in furtherance of the Connecticut Tercentenary Commission projects.

Disposal of; use of proceeds.

SEC. 4. That all laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same; regulating and guarding the process of coinage; providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of the coins; for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting; for security of the coin; or for any other purposes, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein directed.

Coinage laws applicable.

Approved, June 21, 1934.

[CHAPTER 696.]

AN ACT

To provide for the construction and operation of a vessel for use in research work with respect to ocean fisheries.

June 21, 1934.  
[H. R. 8930.]  
[Public, No. 447.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, when funds are made available as authorized by section 2 of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized and directed (1) to cause plans and specifications to be prepared for the construction and equipment of a vessel for use in such research work with respect to ocean fisheries as the Secretary finds will be useful to persons engaged in the fishing industry; and (2) to contract for the construction and equipment of such vessel. Such vessel shall be maintained and operated under the supervision of the Secretary of Commerce.

Fisheries Bureau, Department of Commerce. Construction, etc., of vessel for research work, authorized.

Supervision.

SEC. 2. There is authorized to be appropriated \$500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of the first sentence of section 1 of this Act.

Amount authorized.

Approved, June 21, 1934.

[CHAPTER 709.]

AN ACT

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, and for other purposes.

June 22, 1934.  
[S. 2702.]  
[Public, No. 448.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subsection (c) of section 12 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 5, sec. 702a(c)), is amended to read as follows:

Civil Service Retirement Act of 1930, amended. Vol. 44, p. 476. U.S.C., Supp. VII, p. 50.

“(c) In case an annuitant shall die without having received in annuities purchased by the employee’s contributions as provided in (2) of section 4 of this Act an amount equal to the total amount to his credit at time of retirement, the amount remaining to his credit and any accrued annuity shall be paid, upon the establishment of a valid claim therefor, in the following order of precedence:

Annuitant dying before receiving amounts to his credit.

“First, to the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated in writing by such annuitant and recorded on his individual account;

Payments; order of precedence.

"Second, if there be no such beneficiary, to the duly appointed executor or administrator of the estate of such annuitant;

"Third, if there be no such beneficiary, or executor or administrator, payment may be made, after the expiration of thirty days from the date of the death of the annuitant, to such person or persons as may appear in the judgment of the Civil Service Commission to be legally entitled thereto, and such payment shall be a bar to recovery by any other person.

"In the case of an annuitant who has elected to receive an increased annuity as provided in section 4 of this Act, the amount to be paid under the provisions of this subsection shall be only the accrued annuity."

SEC. 2. Subsection (d) of such section 12 (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 5, sec. 702a(d)) is amended to read as follows:

"(d) In case an employee shall die without having attained eligibility for retirement or without having established a valid claim for annuity, the total amount of his deductions with interest thereon shall be paid, upon the establishment of a valid claim therefor, in the following order of precedence:

"First, to the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated in writing by such employee and recorded on his individual account;

"Second, if there be no such beneficiary, to the duly appointed executor or administrator of the estate of such employee;

"Third, if there be no such beneficiary or executor or administrator, payment may be made, after the expiration of thirty days from the date of the death of the employee, to such person or persons as may appear in the judgment of the Civil Service Commission to be legally entitled thereto, and such payment shall be a bar to recovery by any other person."

SEC. 3. Subsection (e) of such section 12 (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 5, sec. 702a(e)) is amended to read as follows:

"(e) In case a former employee entitled to the return of the amount credited to his individual account shall become legally incompetent, the total amount due may be paid to a duly appointed guardian or committee of such former employee. If the amount of refund due such former employee does not exceed \$1,000, and if there has been no demand upon the Civil Service Commission by a duly appointed guardian or committee, payment may be made, after the expiration of thirty days from date of separation from the service, to such person or persons, in the discretion of the Commission, who may have the care and custody of such former employee, and such payment shall be a bar to recovery by any other person."

SEC. 4. Subsection (f) of such section 12 (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 5, sec. 702a(f)) is amended to read as follows:

"(f) Each employee or annuitant to whom this Act applies may, under regulations prescribed by the Civil Service Commission, designate a beneficiary or beneficiaries to whom shall be paid, upon the death of the employee or annuitant any sum remaining to his credit (including any accrued annuity) under the provisions of this Act."

This Act shall become effective upon the transfer of civil-service retirement functions from the Veterans' Administration to the Civil Service Commission, as provided in Executive order of April 7, 1934, as amended by the Executive order of June 5, 1934.

Approved, June 22, 1934.

Increased annuity at employee's option.  
Vol. 46, p. 472.  
Vol. 46, p. 477.  
U.S.C., Supp. VII, p. 50.

Deceased employee, ineligible for retirement.

Payments; precedence.

Vol. 46, p. 477.  
U.S.C. Supp. VII, p. 50.  
Employee legally incompetent.  
Payment.

Vol. 46, p. 477.  
U.S.C., Supp. VII, p. 50.  
Beneficiary, designation of.

Effective date.  
Executive orders  
Nos. 6670, 6731.