

## [CHAPTER 396.]

## AN ACT

To validate payments, and to relieve disbursing officers' accounts of payments made to Reserve officers promoted while on active duty.

May 15, 1936.  
[S. 3688.]  
[Public, No. 590.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That payments made by Army disbursing officers to Reserve officers of the Army of increased pay and allowances on account of promotion while on active duty are hereby ratified and validated, notwithstanding any construction of the Comptroller General of the provisions of section 201 of the Economy Act of June 30, 1932, as contained by section 4a, Act of March 3, 1933, and section 4a, title 2, Act of March 20, 1933, and the Comptroller General shall allow credit in the accounts of said disbursing officers for payments so made if otherwise correct.

Army disbursing officers.  
Certain payments to Reserve officers by, validated.

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Credit allowed in accounts of.

Approved, May 15, 1936.

## [CHAPTER 397.]

## AN ACT

To authorize the Bureau of Mines to conduct certain studies, investigations, and experiments with respect to sub-bituminous and lignite coal, and for other purposes.

May 15, 1936.  
[S. 3748.]  
[Public, No. 591.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Bureau of Mines, under the general direction of the Secretary of the Interior, is authorized to conduct investigations, studies, and experiments on its own initiative and in cooperation with individuals, State institutions, laboratories, and other organizations, with a view to (1) the development of a commercially practicable carbonization method of processing sub-bituminous and lignite coal so as to convert such coal into an all-purpose fuel, to provide fertilizers, and obtain such other byproducts thereof as may be commercially valuable; (2) the development of efficient methods, equipment, and devices for burning lignite or char therefrom; and (3) determining and developing methods for more efficient utilization of such sub-bituminous and lignite coal for purposes of generating electric power.

Sub-bituminous and lignite coal.  
Bureau of Mines to conduct studies, etc., with respect to.

SEC. 2. The Bureau of Mines is further authorized, under the general direction of the Secretary of the Interior, to erect such plants, construct and purchase such machinery and equipment, and to take such other steps as it may deem necessary and proper to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

Plants, machinery, etc., authorized.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act. The above amount to be expended over a period of three years, as follows: \$40,000 to be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937; \$30,000 to be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938; and \$30,000 to be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939.

Appropriation authorized.

Allocations.

Approved, May 15, 1936.