

within such period shall be considered as a death in active service."

SEC. 2. Section 99, title 2, of the Canal Zone Code, is amended by adding, after the first paragraph of said section, the following additional paragraph:

Additional deposits or deductions.

"At the option of any employee, to be exercised at any time prior to his retirement, and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Civil Service Commission, additional sums in multiples of 1 per centum, but not to exceed 20 per centum, of his annual basic salary, pay, or compensation, for any period subsequent to June 30, 1931, may be deducted and withheld, or paid by the employee, and deposited as provided in the first paragraph of this section, which amount together with interest thereon at 3 per centum per annum compounded as of June 30 of each year, shall, at the date of his retirement, be available to purchase, in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Civil Service Commission, with the approval of the board of actuaries, in addition to the annuity provided by this article, an annuity according to the experience of the Canal Zone retirement and disability fund as may from time to time be set forth in the tables of annuity values by the board of actuaries based on an interest rate at 4 per centum."

A availability for purchase of additional annuity.

Payment of disability annuity.

SEC. 3. Section 94, title 2, of the Canal Zone Code, as amended, is further amended by striking out wherever they appear the words "ninety-day" and "ninety days" and inserting in lieu thereof "one year".

Return of deductions.

SEC. 4. Section 101, title 2, of the Canal Zone Code, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end of the said section an additional paragraph designated "(g)" and reading as follows:

Application of provisions.

*Supra.*

"(g) The provisions of this section shall be construed to apply to the additional deductions and deposits referred to in the second paragraph of section 99 of this title as added by section 2 of this Act: *Provided, however,* That under paragraph (a) of this section there shall be no additional deduction of \$1 per month or major fraction thereof, on account of said deductions and deposits: *Provided further,* That under paragraphs (b) and (d) of section 101, as amended, the interest payable upon return of the deductions and deposits referred to in this paragraph shall be computed at 3 per centum per annum compounded on June 30 of each year: *And provided further,* That under paragraph (b) of this section no part of such deductions and deposits or interest thereon, returned to an employee upon his transfer or separation from the service as provided in this section, shall be required to be redeposited by him as a condition precedent to the receipt by him of benefits under this article."

*Provisos.*

Interest.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1942.

Approved, December 16, 1941.

[CHAPTER 585]

AN ACT

To provide aviation education in the senior high schools of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to establish and to include in the curricula of the senior high schools of the District of Columbia, as an additional optional course, a course in aeronautics, which shall include instruction in aerodynamics, the theory of flight, the airplane and its engine, mechanics, engineering, meteorology, practical air navigation, map reading, and such other allied subjects as the Board in its discretion may deem it advisable to prescribe.

December 16, 1941

[H. R. 5476]

[Public Law 348]

District of Columbia.  
Aeronautics instruction in senior high schools.

Such course shall be first offered during the high-school term beginning in 1942. Thereafter such additional courses in aeronautics may be added as deemed desirable by the Board of Education. The same credit toward graduation may be given for said course as is given for other optional courses in said schools.

SEC. 2. The Board is further authorized to employ a sufficient number of teachers of aeronautics, not to exceed six, adequately to instruct those pupils who elect to pursue the said course, at the salary rates authorized for teachers in the senior high schools.

SEC. 3. The Board shall provide the pupils of the senior high schools, free of charge, with the use of all aeronautical textbooks, maps, and other necessary educational supplies required for said course.

SEC. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sum not to exceed \$16,000 in order to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 5. The Board shall hereafter include in its annual estimates of money required for the public schools of the District of Columbia for the ensuing year an amount sufficient to defray the expenses herein authorized.

Teachers.

Textbooks, etc.

Appropriation authorized.

Inclusion of expenses in annual estimates.

Approved, December 16, 1941.

[CHAPTER 586]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase or accept as gifts motorboats, yachts, and similar vessels for Coast Guard use.

December 16, 1941  
[H. R. 5509]  
[Public Law 349]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, during any period of national emergency proclaimed by the President, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to purchase, or accept as a gift, for the use of the Coast Guard in the performance of its maritime police functions, any motorboat, yacht, or other small craft owned by a citizen or citizens of the United States and suitable for patrolling harbors, bays, roadsteads, and other navigable waters of the United States.

Coast Guard.  
Acquisition of small craft for emergency use.

SEC. 2. The purchase of any vessel pursuant to the provisions of this Act may be made without regard to the provisions of section 3709, Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5).

Purchases without advertising.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amount as may be necessary to purchase vessels pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 4. In the event the Coast Guard should operate as a part of the Navy during any period of national emergency, the authority conferred by this Act upon the Secretary of the Treasury shall vest in, and be exercised by, the Secretary of the Navy.

Emergency vesting of authority.

Approved, December 16, 1941.

[CHAPTER 587]

AN ACT

To prevent the sale of unwholesome food in the District of Columbia.

December 16, 1941  
[H. R. 5694]  
[Public Law 350]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That no person shall sell, or cause to be sold, or offer for sale any food which is unwholesome or unfit for use.

District of Columbia.  
Sale of unwholesome food forbidden.

SEC. 2. For the purposes of this Act the term "food" means any article used for consumption by a human being or an animal.

"Food."

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the health officer of the District of Columbia, and he or his duly appointed agent is hereby authorized,

Duties of health officer.