

Effective date; duration.

SEC. 4. This Act shall be effective from June 30, 1942, and shall remain in force until the termination of the present war or until such earlier time as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President by proclamation may designate.

Approved, December 17, 1942.

[CHAPTER 740]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend the Revenue Act of 1942.

December 17, 1942  
[H. J. Res. 365]  
[Public Law 809]

Revenue Act of 1942, amendments. *Ante*, pp. 944, 952. Powers of appointment.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 403 (d) (3) of the Revenue Act of 1942 is amended by striking out "January 1, 1943" wherever it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 1943"; and section 452 (c) of the Revenue Act of 1942 is amended to read as follows:

"(c) RELEASE ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 1943.—

"(1) A release of a power to appoint before July 1, 1943, shall not be deemed a transfer of property by the individual possessing such power.

"(2) This subsection shall apply to all calendar years prior to 1943 and to that part of the calendar year 1943 prior to July 1, 1943."

Approved, December 17, 1942.

[CHAPTER 762]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a board for the condemnation of insanitary buildings in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved May 1, 1906, as amended, and for other purposes.

December 17, 1942  
[S. 2734]  
[Public Law 180]

Board for condemnation of insanitary buildings, D. C. 34 Stat. 167. D. C. Code § 5-603.

Powers and duties.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to create a board for the condemnation of insanitary buildings in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved May 1, 1906, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. That said board for the condemnation of insanitary buildings, be, and it is hereby, authorized to investigate, through personal inquiry and inspection by the members thereof, and through inquiry and inspection by officers, agents, and employees, appointed or detailed for that purpose, into the sanitary condition of any building or part of a building in said District, except such as are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States. If any building or part of building be found, as a result of such investigation, to be in such insanitary condition as to endanger the health or the lives of the occupants thereof or of persons living in the vicinity, said board shall cause a notice to be served on each owner or part owner of such building requiring him to show cause, within a time to be fixed by the board, why such building or part of building should not be condemned. The time to be fixed by the board shall not be less than ten days, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, after the date of service of said notice, unless the board shall find that the condition of said premises is such as to cause immediate danger to the health or lives of the occupants thereof or of persons living in the vicinity, in which event the board may fix a lesser time. If the owner or part owner of such building, within the time to show cause fixed by said board, shall in writing request a hearing before said board, said board shall fix a time and place for such hearing and shall notify the

Notice prior to condemnation.

Time limit.

Exception.

Hearing.

person requesting the same. If, within the time to show cause fixed by the board, or at such hearing, if the same be requested, the owner or part owners shall fail to show cause sufficient in the opinion of a majority of said board to prevent the condemnation of such building or part of building, said board shall issue an order condemning such building or part of building, and shall cause a copy of such order to be served on each owner or part owner thereof, and a copy to be affixed to the building or part of building condemned."

Order of condemna-  
tion.

SEC. 2. Section 4 of said Act is hereby amended to read as follows:  
"SEC. 4. That from and after fifteen days, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, after a copy of any order of condemnation has been affixed to any condemned building or part of building no person shall occupy such building or part of building."

34 Stat. 158.  
D. C. Code § 5-604.  
Occupancy restrict-  
ed.

SEC. 3. Section 5 of said Act is hereby amended to read as follows:  
"SEC. 5. That no person having authority to prevent shall permit any building or part of building condemned to be occupied, except as specially authorized by the board for the condemnation of insanitary buildings in the District of Columbia under authority of section 6 of this Act, after fifteen days, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, from and after the date of service of a copy of the order of condemnation on the owner of such building; or, if there be several part owners of such building, from the latest date of service on any part owner; or, if a copy of such order of condemnation has been affixed to the condemned building or part of building at a date subsequent to the date of service of the notice on any owner or the latest date of service on any part owner, after fifteen days, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, from the date on which said copy of such order of condemnation was so affixed."

34 Stat. 158.  
D. C. Code § 5-605.  
Permission to occu-  
py; time limit.

SEC. 4. Section 7 of said Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

34 Stat. 158.  
D. C. Code § 5-606.

"SEC. 7. The owner or owners of any building or buildings condemned under the provisions of this Act, which cannot be so changed or repaired as to remedy the condition which led to the condemnation thereof, shall demolish and remove such building or part of building within the time to be specified by said board in the order of condemnation. And if any owner or part owner shall fail or refuse to demolish and remove said building or part of building within the time so specified he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to the penalties provided by section 13 of this Act, and such building or part of building shall be demolished and removed under the direction of the board for the condemnation of insanitary buildings in the District of Columbia, and the cost of such demolition and removal, including the cost of making good damage to adjoining premises (except such as may have resulted from carelessness or willful recklessness in the demolition or removal of such building), and the cost of publication, if any, herein provided for, less the amount, if any, received from the sale of the old material, shall be assessed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia as a tax against the premises on which such building or part of building was situated, such tax to be collected in the same manner as general taxes are collected in the District of Columbia."

34 Stat. 158.  
D. C. Code § 5-607.

Removal of build-  
ings when conditions  
cannot be remedied.

Penalty for failure.

34 Stat. 160.  
D. C. Code § 5-613.

Cost assessed as tax.

Exception.

SEC. 5. Section 8 of said Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. That whenever said board for the condemnation of insanitary buildings is in doubt as to the ownership of any building or part of a building, the condemnation of which is contemplated, because the title thereto is in litigation, said board may notify all parties to the suit and may report the circumstances to the corporation counsel of the District of Columbia, who may bring such circumstances to the attention of the court in which such litigation is pending for the pur-

34 Stat. 158.  
D. C. Code § 5-608.  
Proceedings where  
title in litigation.

pose of securing such order or decree as will enable said board to continue such proceedings looking toward condemnation, and such court is hereby authorized to make such decrees and orders in such pending suit as may be necessary for that purpose."

34 Stat. 160.  
D. C. Code § 5-614.

Penalties.

SEC. 6. Section 14 of said Act, as amended, is hereby repealed.

20 Stat. 131.  
D. C. Code § 1-228.

24 Stat. 368.  
D. C. Code §§ 1-224,  
1-225.

27 Stat. 394.  
D. C. Code § 1-226.

SEC. 7. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to prescribe reasonable penalties of fine not to exceed \$300 or imprisonments not to exceed ten days, in lieu of or in addition to any fine, for the violation of any building regulation promulgated under authority of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the District to make and enforce regulations relative to the sale of coal, and also building regulations", approved June 14, 1878, and any regulation promulgated under authority of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make police regulations for the government of said District", approved January 26, 1887, and any regulation promulgated under authority of section 2 of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to regulate licenses to proprietors of theaters in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved February 26, 1892.

Approved, December 17, 1942.

[CHAPTER 763]

AN ACT

December 17, 1942  
[S. 2852]  
[Public Law 811]

To authorize the President to confer decorations and medals upon units of, or persons serving with, the military forces of cobelligerent nations.

Military decorations for cobelligerents.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* For the duration of the present war and six months thereafter the President is authorized, under regulations to be prescribed by him, to confer such decorations and medals as may be authorized in the military service of the United States upon units of, or upon any person serving in any capacity with, the military forces of the countries now, or which may hereafter be, engaged with the United States in the present war.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, December 17, 1942.

[CHAPTER 764]

AN ACT

December 18, 1942  
[S. 357]  
[Public Law 812]

To provide for the establishment and operation of a research laboratory in the Pennsylvania anthracite region for investigation of the mining, preparation and utilization of the mining, preparation and utilization of anthracite, for the development of new uses and markets, for improvement of health and safety in mining; and for a comprehensive study of the region to aid in the solution of its economic problems and to make its natural and human resources of maximum usefulness in the war effort.

Research laboratory in Pennsylvania anthracite region.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, is authorized and directed to establish, equip, and maintain a research laboratory in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania to conduct researches and investigations on the mining, preparation, and utilization of anthracite coal and to develop new scientific, chemical, and