SEC. 12. Any person described in category (6) of section 3, category (7) of section 5, or category (5) of section 6 who is commissioned, appointed, or enlisted pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall not be entitled to any retirement benefits under any laws relating to the retirement of civilian personnel of the Federal Government, but shall be entitled upon claim therefor to a return of the total contributions made by him to the retirement fund with interest thereon and, in addition, to eligibility for retirement benefits provided by law for members of the Regular Coast Guard, he shall, if his total service in the Federal Government, civil plus military, is fifteen years or over, be entitled, upon reaching the statutory retirement age for military personnel of the Regular Coast Guard, to retirement pay amounting to 75 per centum of his active-duty pay at the time of such retirement; and, in the administration of applicable laws for physical disability retirement, a disability shall be deemed to have been incurred incident to Coast Guard service if the cause of such disability is not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or misconduct.

SEC. 13. No person described in category (6) of section 3, category (7) of section 5, or category (5) of section 6 who is commissioned, appointed, or enlisted in the Coast Guard pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall suffer any reduction in annual compensation, including allowances, below the compensation applicable to his permanent civil-service position at the time of such commissioning, appointment, or enlistment, exclusive of overtime compensation, and the civil-service status, tenure, seniority, and compensation of any such person who for any reason is not commissioned, appointed, or enlisted under the provisions of this Act shall not be impaired by reason of this Act.

SEC. 14. Accrued military leave of any person described in category (6) of section 3, category (7) of section 5, or category (5) of section 6 who is a member of the Coast Guard Reserve or the Naval Reserve on active duty, and who is commissioned, appointed, or enlisted pursuant to the provisions of this Act, shall be credited to him upon such commissioning, appointment, or enlistment.

SEC. 15. Any person described in category (5) of section 6 who enlists in the Coast Guard shall be considered as enlisted pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 16. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed; but nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to affect the continued application to the Coast Guard of the Act of July 24, 1941, as amended (34 U. S. C., Supp. V, secs. 350-350J).

Approved July 23, 1947.

[CHAPTER 302]

AN ACT

To extend temporarily the time for filing applications for patents and for taking action in the United States Patent Office with respect thereto.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the period of extension of priority rights under section 1 of Public Law 690, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved August 8, 1946, and the time for the payment of any fee or the taking of any other action under section 3 of said Act, specified as expiring twelve months after the passage of that Act, shall be further extended to a date not later than February 29, 1948, in favor of citizens of the United States and citizens or subjects of countries which grant or shall grant before February 29, 1948, substantially reciprocal privileges to citizens of the United States for such extended term, subject to the provisions of said Public Law 690.

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