AN ACT

To provide for the exploration, investigation, development, and maintenance of the fishing resources and development of the high seas fishing industry of the Territories and island possessions of the United States in the tropical and subtropical Pacific Ocean and intervening seas, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is the policy of the United States to provide for the exploration, investigation, development, and maintenance of the fishing resources and development of the high seas fishing industry of the Territories and island possessions of the United States in the tropical and subtropical Pacific Ocean and intervening seas, for the benefit of the residents of the Territory of Hawaii and Pacific island possessions and of the people of the United States.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Interior, through the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior, is authorized and hereby directed to conduct such fishing explorations and such necessary related work as oceanographical, biological, technological, statistical, and economic studies to insure maximum development and utilization of the high seas fishery resources of the Territories and island possessions of the United States in the tropical and subtropical Pacific Ocean and intervening areas as may be consistent with developing and sustaining such fishery resources at maximum levels of production in perpetuity and to provide for the best possible utilization thereof.

Sec. 3. In carrying out the purposes and objectives of the foregoing sections, the Secretary of the Interior may cooperate with appropriate agencies of the Territorial and island governments, and with such educational, industrial, or other organizations, enterprises, and individuals as may be expedient.

Sec. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amounts as may be necessary for the construction, including architectural services, and for furnishings and equipment of a fishery research laboratory and experiment station in the Hawaiian Islands and necessary substations at suitable locations, together with suitable dock and storehouse facilities to be used in conjunction with the operation of research and experimental fishing vessels and for the procurement and for the modification, refitting, and equipment of two experimental high-seas fishing vessels, together with all necessary gear and appurtenances, and of one multiple purpose high-seas fishing and oceanographical research vessel, together with all necessary gear and appurtenances, including necessary naval architectural and engineering services: Provided, however, That no part of said appropriation shall be expended for the acquisition of lands for sites for said laboratory, experiment station, or substations in the Territory of Hawaii: Provided further, That there are authorized to be transferred to the Fish and Wildlife Service not to exceed three surplus vessels suitable for conversion and use in oceanographic and biological research and exploratory fishing, by any disposal agency of the Government without reimbursement or transfer of funds.

Sec. 5. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, additional sums for expenses during the fiscal year 1947-1948 to carry out the purposes of this Act, including personal services, traveling expenses, transportation of things, purchase, maintenance, and operation of motor vehicles, miscellaneous equipment, and supplies, communications, other contractual services, necessary printing locally, and maintenance, repair, improvement, equipment, and operation of vessels and buildings or other structures.
Sec. 6. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated from time to time in fiscal years after 1947-1948 such sums as may be necessary to enable the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior to carry out the purposes of this Act, including all the classes of expenditures enumerated in the foregoing section.

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[CHAPTER 452]

AN ACT

To exclude certain interns, student nurses, and other student-employees of hospitals of the Federal Government from the Classification Act and other laws relating to compensation and benefits of Federal employees, 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 first sentence of section 102 (a) of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945 (Public Law 106, Seventy-ninth Congress), as amended, is amended by striking out “and” before “(5)” and by changing the period at the end of such sentence to a semicolon and adding: “and (6) student nurses, medical or dental interns, residents-in-training, student dietitians, student physical therapists, and student occupational therapists, assigned or attached to a hospital, clinic, or medical or dental laboratory operated by any department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government, or by the District of Columbia, and any other student-employees, assigned or attached to any such hospital, clinic, or laboratory primarily for training purposes, who may be designated by the head of such department, agency, or instrumentality, or by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, as the case may be, with the approval of the Civil Service Commission.”

SEC. 2. The Classification Act of 1923, as amended and extended (5 U. S. C., ch. 13), shall not apply to student nurses, medical or dental interns, residents-in-training, student dietitians, student physical therapists, and student occupational therapists, assigned or attached to a hospital, clinic, or medical or dental laboratory operated by any department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government, or by the District of Columbia, and any other student-employees, assigned or attached to any such hospital, clinic, or laboratory primarily for training purposes, who may be designated by the head of such department, agency, or instrumentality, or by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, as the case may be, with the approval of the Civil Service Commission.

SEC. 3. The heads of the departments, agencies, and instrumentalties of the Federal Government and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall prescribe stipends to be paid to persons included in section 2 of this Act who are at their respective hospitals, clinics, or laboratories; but no such stipend shall be in excess of the applicable maximum prescribed by the Civil Service Commission. Such persons may be provided living quarters, subsistence, and laundering while at the hospitals, clinics, or laboratories and, when so furnished, the reasonable value thereof, as prescribed by the head of the department, agency, or instrumentality concerned, or by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, as the case may be, shall be deducted from their stipends; but such deductions may not be less than the lowest deduction applicable to regular employees at the same hospital, clinic, or laboratory for similar accommodations.

SEC. 4. Any person included in section 2 of this Act who suffers disability or death as a result of personal injury arising out of and in the course of training, or sustained in the performance of duties in connection therewith, shall be treated, for the purposes of the Act of...