SEC. 7. The provisions of this Act shall not be construed as sup-
planting any civil-service regulations in effect on the date of its
enactment.

SEC. 8. This Act shall be known as the "Seniority Act for Rural
Mail Carriers".

Approved May 18, 1948.

[CHAPTER 299]

AN ACT

To increase temporarily the amount of Federal aid to State or Territorial homes
for the support of disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled
"An Act to provide aid to State or Territorial homes for the support
of disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States", approved August
27, 1888, as amended (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 24, sec. 134), is
amended by striking out in the first paragraph thereof "$300 per
annum" and inserting in lieu thereof "$500 per annum from the effec-
tive date of this amendment through June 30, 1951, and $300 per
annum thereafter".

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall apply to payments
with respect to the care given to disabled soldiers and sailors on and
after the first day of the month next following the month during which
this Act is enacted: Provided, That said payments shall be made
regardless of whether said veteran may be receiving domiciliary care
or hospitalization in said home and the appropriations of the Veterans'
Administration for medical, hospital, and domiciliary care shall be
available for this purpose: Provided further, That no payment to a
State or Territory under this Act shall be made for any period prior
to the date upon which the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs deter-
mines that the veteran on whose account such payment is requested is
eligible for such care in a Veterans' Administration facility.

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[CHAPTER 300]

AN ACT

To authorize the attendance of the United States Marine Band at the Eighty-
second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held
in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 26 to 30, 1948.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President
is authorized to permit the band of the United States Marine Corps to
attend and give concerts at the Eighty-second National Encampment
of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 26 to 30, 1948.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of such band in
attending and giving concerts at such convention, there is hereby
authorized to be appropriated a sufficient sum to cover the cost of trans-
portation and pullman accommodations for the leaders and members
of the Marine Band, and allowance not to exceed $6 per day each for
additional traveling and living expenses while on duty, such allow-
ances to be in addition to the pay and allowance to which they would
be entitled while serving their permanent station.

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