[CHAPTER 401]

AN ACT

To authorize the conveyance to States, or political subdivisions, of roads leading to certain historical areas administered by the Department of the Interior, 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 Secretary of the Interior is authorized in his discretion, subject to such conditions as may seem to him proper, to convey by proper quitclaim deed to any State, county, municipality, or proper agency thereof, in which the same is located, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to any Government owned or controlled road leading to any national cemetery, national military park, national historical park, national battlefield park, or national historic site administered by the National Park Service. Prior to the delivery of any conveyance under this Act, the State, county, or municipality to which the conveyance herein authorized is to be made shall notify the Secretary of the Interior in writing of its willingness to accept and maintain the road or roads included in such conveyance. Upon the execution and delivery of any conveyance herein authorized, any jurisdiction heretofore ceded to the United States by a State over the roads conveyed shall thereby cease and determine and shall thereafter vest and be in the particular State in which such roads are located.

Sec. 2. The word “State” as used in this Act includes Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

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[CHAPTER 402]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of May 16, 1946 (Public Law 383, Seventy-ninth Congress), as amended, to provide increased allowances for the escorts of repatriated war dead.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of May 16, 1946, entitled “An Act to provide for the evacuation and return of the remains of certain persons who died and are buried outside the continental limits of the United States” (Public Law 383, Seventy-ninth Congress), as amended by the Act of August 5, 1947 (Public Law 368, Eightieth Congress), is further amended by adding the following sections:

“Sec. 10. The Secretary of the Army is further authorized to prescribe allowances at such rates as may be necessary to provide for adequate quarters, subsistence, and other necessary incidental expenses for escort personnel utilized in the administration of this Act without regard to rates and allowances prescribed by sections 10 and 12 of the Act of June 16, 1942, as amended: Provided, That such allowances prescribed by the Secretary of the Army in no case shall exceed $8 per day.

“Sec. 11. References in any of the foregoing sections of this Act to the ‘Secretary of War’ shall be construed to refer to the ‘Secretary of the Army’, as established by the Act of July 26, 1947 (Public Law 253, Eightieth Congress).”

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