of the several States, Territories, and the District of Columbia which now stand disallowed or would hereafter be disallowed, but for this Act, by reason of lack of adequate or correct supporting vouchers and documents, are hereby ratified and validated as to the United States property and disbursing officers making the same, in such amounts only as are found and determined by the Comptroller General of the United States to be without substantial evidence of fraud or criminality or of timely knowledge of such fraud or criminality on the part of the United States property and disbursing officer involved and to have been actually expended in good faith or under bona fide contract (1) for services which in fact have been rendered or (2) for facilities which in fact have been furnished to the United States and its agencies including the National Guard; all items so found shall be passed to credit in the accounts of the property and disbursing officers involved, and any settlement based thereon shall not be reopened as against any such officer in the absence of new evidence of fraud or criminality: Provided, That nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit recovery from any payee of public moneys illegally or erroneously paid to such payee or to preclude the recovery from any such property and disbursing officer or his surety of any balance found due the Government under a settlement made as herein provided.

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[CHAPTER 511]

AN ACT

To provide for retention in the service of certain disabled Army and Air Force personnel, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President is authorized and directed to retain in service disabled officers, warrant officers, and flight officers of the Army and the Air Force of the United States until their treatment for physical reconstruction has reached a point where they will not be further benefited by retention in a military hospital or in the military service.

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[CHAPTER 512]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of Congress entitled “An Act to credit certain service performed by members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service prior to reaching eighteen years of age for the purpose of computing longevity pay, or for other pay purposes”, approved March 6, 1946.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the first section of the Act entitled “An Act to credit certain service performed by members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service prior to reaching eighteen years of age for the purpose of computing longevity pay, or for other pay purposes”, approved March 6, 1946 (Public Law 309, Seventy-ninth Congress), is amended by inserting immediately following “Army,” the words “Air Force.”

(b) Section 2 of such Act is amended to read as follows: “The provisions of this Act shall be effective from June 1, 1942.”

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