[CHAPTER 628]

AN ACT

To provide pensions for certain widows of veterans of the Spanish-American War, including the Boxer Rebellion and the Philippine Insurrection.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the dependent unremarried widow of a veteran of the Spanish-American War, including the Boxer Rebellion and the Philippine Insurrection, who is barred from the receipt of pension because her marriage to the veteran occurred subsequent to December 31, 1937, but who is otherwise entitled to such pension under the Act of May 1, 1926 (44 Stat. 382; 38 U. S. C., 364a), as reenacted by the Act of August 13, 1935 (49 Stat. 614; 38 U. S. C., 368), shall be entitled to pension in her own right under said Act, as amended, under the conditions specified therein (except date of marriage) and at the rate authorized by section 4 of the Act of August 7, 1946 (Public Law 611, Seventy-ninth Congress), as amended by the Act of July 30, 1947 (Public Law 270, Eightieth Congress), and to the additional pension provided for children under the Act of May 1, 1926, as amended, provided she married the veteran ten or more years prior to his death and lived with him continuously from the date of marriage to the date of his death except where there was a separation which was due to misconduct of or procured by the veteran without the fault of the widow: Provided, That if pension has been granted to a child or children of the veteran, the widow shall not be entitled to the pension authorized by this section until the pension to the child or children terminates, unless such child or children be a member or members of her family and cared for by her; and when these conditions are fulfilled and the pension is granted to the widow, payment of pension to such child or children shall cease except that in the event the amount being paid to such child or children is less than the amount authorized to the widow by this Act, then the difference between said amounts will be paid to the widow: Provided further, That no pension shall be payable under this section to a widow under sixty years of age.

SEC. 2. Payment of pension as provided in section 1 shall be effective as of the date of the death of the veteran, if application is filed within one year after the death of such veteran, otherwise as of the date of receipt of application in the Veterans' Administration, and in no event prior to the date of the enactment of this Act. Pension under section 1 hereof shall not be paid to the widow of a veteran of the Spanish-American War, including the Boxer Rebellion and the Philippine Insurrection, who has remarried either once or more than once since the death of the veteran, and upon the remarriage of such widow her pension shall be terminated. The penal and forfeiture provisions of laws and regulations administered by the Veterans' Administration providing pensions for veterans of the Spanish-American War, including the Boxer Rebellion and Philippine Insurrection, shall be applicable to the provisions of this Act.

Approved June 24, 1948.

[CHAPTER 629]

AN ACT

To authorize the attendance of the United States Marine Corps Band at the national assembly of the Marine Corps League to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 22 to September 25, inclusive, 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 national assembly of the Marine Corps League.