

(a) By deleting the words "Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy", and the words "Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy" wherever they appear therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words "appropriate Secretary";

(b) By deleting the words "in the military or naval service" wherever they appear therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words "in the military service";

(c) By deleting the words "War or Navy Department" wherever they appear therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words "military department concerned";

(d) By deleting the words "be, and they are hereby, severally" in section 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "is"; and

(e) By renumbering section 5 as "SEC. 6" and inserting immediately after section 4 a new section 5 as follows:

"SEC. 5. For the purposes of this Act, in any case where the date of death is established or determined under the Missing Persons Act, as amended, the date of death is the date of receipt by the head of the department concerned of evidence that the person is dead, or the date the finding of death is made under section 5 of that Act, as amended."

SEC. 2. This amendatory Act is effective June 25, 1950.

Approved July 17, 1953.

10 USC 491d; 34  
USC 285f.

Date of death.

56 Stat. 143; 58  
Stat. 679.  
50 USC app. 1001  
note.

Effective date.

Public Law 130

CHAPTER 221

AN ACT

To provide certain construction and other authority for the military departments in time of war or national emergency.

July 17, 1953  
[S. 1995]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force are respectively authorized, during the national emergency proclaimed by the President on December 16, 1950, and for six months thereafter, or until July 1, 1954, or until such date as may be specified by a concurrent resolution of the Congress, whichever is the earliest, to provide for the acquisition, construction, establishment, expansion, rehabilitation, conversion, and installation, on land or at plants privately or publicly owned, of such industrial-type plants, buildings, facilities, equipment, machine tools, utilities, and appurtenances or interest therein, including the necessary land therefor by purchase, donation, lease, condemnation, or otherwise (without regard to sections 1136, 3648, and 3734 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, and prior to approval of title to the underlying land by the Attorney General), as may be necessary for defense production or mobilization reserve purposes, and to provide for the maintenance, storage and operation thereof and of those established pursuant to the provision of the Act of July 2, 1940 (54 Stat. 712), as amended (50 U. S. C. App. 773, 1171 (a)), and the Act of December 17, 1942 (56 Stat. 1053), as amended (50 U. S. C. App. 1201), either by means of Government personnel or qualified commercial manufacturers under contract with the Government: *Provided,* That as soon as practicable prior to the submission of a budgetary request to the Congress for the purchase of equipment or machine tools pursuant to this section, the Secretary of Defense shall inform the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and of the House of Representatives in detail with respect to the proposed program therefor. When the Secretary concerned deems it necessary in the interest of the national defense, he may lease any such plants, buildings, facilities, equipment, utilities,

Armed Forces.  
Construction  
authority.

64 Stat. A454.

10 USC 1339; 31  
USC 529; 40 USC  
259, 267.

56 Stat. 317.

appurtenances, and land, under any terms as he may deem advisable, and without regard to the provisions of section 321 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 412).

40 USC 303b.  
Reports.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Defense shall report semiannually to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and of the House of Representatives with respect to those activities authorized in section 1 which are not otherwise the subject of reporting under law.

65 Stat. 365.  
40 USC 551.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to repeal or modify section 601 of the Act of September 28, 1951 (65 Stat. 336), relative to coming into agreement with the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and of the House of Representatives with respect to real-estate actions.

Approved July 17, 1953.

Public Law 131

CHAPTER 222

AN ACT

July 17, 1953  
[S. 2079]

To provide for the use of the American National Red Cross in aid of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

American Red Cross.  
Aid to Armed Forces.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever the President shall find the cooperation and use of the American National Red Cross with the Armed Forces to be necessary, he is authorized to accept the assistance tendered by the said Red Cross, and to employ the same under the Armed Forces. The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the implementation of this Act.

Transportation,  
etc.

SEC. 2. Whenever the said Red Cross cooperation and assistance with the Armed Forces shall have been accepted by the President, the personnel entering upon the duty specified in the first section of this Act may be transported while proceeding to their place of duty, while serving thereat, and while returning therefrom, at the cost and charge of the United States as civilian employees employed with the said forces; be furnished meals and quarters, providing the cost thereof is borne by such personnel or by the American National Red Cross, except that in instances where civilian employees are furnished quarters without cost, employees of the American National Red Cross may also be furnished quarters on the same basis without cost; and be furnished office space, warehousing, wharfage, and means of communication, without charge, when such facilities are available: *Provided*, That no passport fee shall be charged or collected for any passport issued to such personnel so serving or proceeding abroad to enter upon such service: *Provided further*, That such Red Cross equipment and supplies as may, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed as provided for in the first section hereof, be determined to be necessary in the furnishing of the assistance herein provided, including Red Cross supplies that may be tendered as a gift and accepted for use by the Armed Forces, shall be transported at the cost and charge of the United States.

10 USC 1347.  
Storage buildings.

SEC. 3. The fifth paragraph of section 127a of the Act of June 3, 1916, as added by section 51 of the Act of June 4, 1920 (ch. 227, 41 Stat. 785), is amended to read as follows:

"Each Secretary of a military department may grant permission, by revocable license, to the American National Red Cross to erect and maintain on any United States military installation under the jurisdiction of the Secretary concerned buildings suitable for the storage of supplies, or to occupy for that purpose buildings erected by the