

Public Law 344

CHAPTER 174

JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the President to proclaim the week May 2 to May 8, 1954, inclusive, as National Mental Health Week.

April 27, 1954
[S. J. Res. 130]

Whereas there is presently a great need for nationwide action for the prevention, treatment, and cure of mental illness; and

Whereas the National Association for Mental Health and the State and local mental health organizations associated therewith are working diligently in the fight against mental illness; and

Whereas the mental health fund is in dire need of public support in order to improve conditions in mental hospitals, provide more adequate treatment for the mentally and emotionally ill, carry on research in the field of the prevention, treatment, and cure of mental illness, and promote mental health education: Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning May 2 and ending May 8, 1954, as National Mental Health Week, and urging the people throughout the Nation to cooperate in the fight for the prevention, treatment, and cure of mental illness, and inviting the communities of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

National Mental
Health Week, 1954.

Approved April 27, 1954.

Public Law 345

CHAPTER 175

AN ACT

To amend the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

April 27, 1954
[H. R. 6436]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 (b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

“(b) Subject to the provisions of section 301, nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply or to give the Commission jurisdiction with respect to (1) charges, classifications, practices, services, facilities, or regulations for or in connection with intrastate communication service by wire or radio of any carrier, or (2) any carrier engaged in interstate or foreign communication solely through physical connection with the facilities of another carrier not directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with such carrier, or (3) any carrier engaged in interstate or foreign communication solely through connection by radio, or by wire and radio, with facilities, located in an adjoining State or in Canada or Mexico (where they adjoin the State in which the carrier is doing business), of another carrier not directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with such carrier, or (4) any carrier to which clause (2) or clause (3) would be applicable except for furnishing interstate mobile radio communication service or radio communication service to mobile stations on land vehicles in Canada or Mexico; except that sections 201 through 205 of this Act, both inclusive, shall, except as otherwise provided therein, apply to carriers described in clauses (2), (3), and (4).”

Intrastate ac-
tivities.

48 Stat. 1065.
47 USC 152(b).

47 USC 301.
Commission ju-
risdiction.
Limitation.

47 USC 201-205.

"Interstate communication,"
47 USC 153.

SEC. 2. So much of section 3 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, as follows the semicolon is amended to read as follows: "but shall not, with respect to the provisions of title II of this Act, include wire or radio communication between points in the same State, Territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, through any place outside thereof, if such communication is regulated by a State commission".

SEC. 3. Section 3 (u) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"Connecting carrier,"
47 USC 221(b).

"(u) 'Connecting carrier' means a carrier described in clauses (2), (3), or (4) of section 2 (b)."

SEC. 4. Section 221 (b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

47 USC 301.
State telephone service.

"(b) Subject to the provisions of section 301, nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply, or to give the Commission jurisdiction, with respect to charges, classifications, practices, services, facilities, or regulations for or in connection with wire, mobile, or point-to-point radio telephone exchange service, or any combination thereof, even though a portion of such exchange service constitutes interstate or foreign communication, in any case where such matters are subject to regulation by a State commission or by local governmental authority."

Approved April 27, 1954.

Public Law 346

CHAPTER 176

AN ACT

April 29, 1954
[H. R. 8539]

To extend the period of election under the Uniformed Services Contingency Option Act of 1953 for certain members of the uniformed services.

67 Stat. 502.
37 USC 372.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 (a) of the Uniformed Services Contingency Option Act of 1953 is amended by deleting in the third sentence the words "one hundred and eighty days" and substituting therefor the words "one year".

Approved April 29, 1954.

Public Law 347

CHAPTER 177

AN ACT

April 30, 1954
[H. R. 3477]

To extend to the Canal Zone Government and the Panama Canal Company provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to facilitate the settlement of the accounts of certain deceased civilian officers and employees of the Government", approved August 3, 1950.

Canal Zone.
Deceased government employees.
64 Stat. 396.
5 USC 61h.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (b) of section 3 of the Act of August 3, 1950 (Public Law 636, Eighty-first Congress), is amended to read as follows:

"(b) Accounts not payable under section 3 (a) (with the exception of accounts of employees of the District of Columbia which shall be paid by the District of Columbia, accounts of employees of the Canal Zone Government on the Isthmus of Panama which shall be paid by the Canal Zone Government, and accounts of employees of wholly owned and mixed-ownership Government corporations which may be paid by such corporations) shall be payable on settlement of the General Accounting Office except as the Comptroller General may by regulation otherwise authorize or direct".