

*United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 2 of the Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951 is amended by inserting immediately after "including the National Guard when called or ordered to active duty or active training duty for fourteen days or more;" the following: "members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps, when called or ordered to active training duty for fourteen days or more while on such active training duty;"

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall take effect as of April 25, 1951.

Approved August 24, 1954.

ROTC.  
Indemnity insur-  
ance.  
65 Stat. 33.  
38 USC 851.

Effective date.

Public Law 639

CHAPTER 888

AN ACT

August 24, 1954  
[H. R. 5832]

To authorize the Commissioner of Public Lands of the Territory of Hawaii to sell public lands to certain lessees, permittees, and others.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That any provision of section 73 of the Hawaiian Organic Act, as amended, or of the Land Laws of Hawaii, as amended, to the contrary notwithstanding, the Commissioner of Public Lands of the Territory of Hawaii, with the approval of the Governor and two-thirds of the members of the Board of Public Lands, in his discretion, may transfer and convey to any applicant who is a citizen of the United States, or who has heretofore legally declared his intentions to become a citizen of the United States, upon his becoming such,

Hawaii.  
Sale of lands to  
lessees, etc.  
31 Stat. 154.  
48 USC 663 note,  
1509-1512.

(1) who upon the date of approval of this Act held public lands in the Territory of Hawaii, by lease or revocable permit,

(2) who on the said date, had, or whose predecessors in interest, or the combination of both, had occupied such land for an aggregate period of not less than five continuous years,

(3) who while still holding such land by lease or revocable permit, applies for a transfer and conveyance of such public land to himself, and

(4) who complies with all rules and regulations duly promulgated with regard to such public land,

not more than one-half acre of such land as was in use by the applicant for a house lot or for business purposes, or both, as the case may be, and such adjoining land as may be reasonably required for a right-of-way to a government road, upon the payment of a fair and reasonable price, which price shall be determined by a disinterested appraiser or appraisers, but not more than three, to be appointed by the Governor of Hawaii, all improvements thereon made or purchased by the applicant or his predecessors in interest to be valued at \$1.

SEC. 2. Not more than three acres of public lands immediately adjacent to any cemetery now in existence may, with the consent of such person or persons, if any, as could qualify under section 1 for the purchase of said land, be sold to the owner or owners of said cemetery. This Act, with the exception of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of section 1, shall apply to any such sale made to the owner or owners of a cemetery.

Cemetery own-  
ers.

SEC. 3. In the case of an applicant giving his consent to a sale to a cemetery pursuant to section 2, or when the Commissioner of Public Lands shall deem it to be in the public interest, he may substitute in place of the lands used by the applicant, or in place of the portion thereof requested by him, as the case may be, other appropriate public lands of no greater area or value, the applicant to bear the cost of the relocation on the substituted land of any improvements.

Restriction.

SEC. 4. No sale shall be made hereunder to any applicant who has already acquired public land pursuant to the provisions of this Act, or to any applicant whose application is not filed within two years from the date of approval of this Act, or such shorter period as shall be specified by rule or regulation.

Definition.

SEC. 5. The term "predecessor in interest" includes any individual or individuals, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity, and in the case of an applicant who is a permittee under a revocable permit shall include such applicant occupying under a lease or a sublease immediately prior to the issuance of the revocable permit and the person from whom the applicant acquired such lease or sublease.

Approved August 24, 1954.

Public Law 640

CHAPTER 889

AN ACT

August 24, 1954  
[H. R. 5997]

To enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds, the proceeds thereof to be used for veterans' mortgages.

Hawaii.  
General obliga-  
tion bonds.  
31 Stat. 141.  
48 USC 491.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, any provision of the Hawaiian Organic Act, or any law of the Territory of Hawaii, or of any Act of this Congress to the contrary notwithstanding, may authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$20,000,000, such authorization to be over and above any limitation on the bonded debt of the Territory imposed by the Hawaiian Organic Act and in addition to all other issues in excess of said debt limitation authorized by the Congress: *Provided, however,* That the total indebtedness of such Territory shall not exceed \$95,000,000. The proceeds of such bonds shall be used for the purchase of mortgages made on or after July 1, 1954, or for the making of mortgages, on homes and farms of veterans within the Territory of Hawaii.

Limitation.

SEC. 2. The bonds issued under the authority of this Act shall be serial bonds, payable in substantially equal installments, the first installment to mature not later than five years and the last installment to mature not later than thirty years from the date of such issue. Such bonds may be issued without the approval of the President of the United States.

SEC. 3. Act 211 of the Session Laws of Hawaii 1953, relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds, as authorized by this Act, is hereby ratified and confirmed, subject, however, to the provisions of this Act.

Approved August 24, 1954.

Public Law 641

CHAPTER 890

AN ACT

August 24, 1954  
[H. R. 6113]

To amend title 18 of the United States Code, so as to increase the penalties applicable to the smuggling of goods into the United States.

Smuggling penal-  
ties.  
62 Stat. 716.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 545 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking out "\$5,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$10,000", and by striking out "two years" and inserting in lieu thereof "five years".