

shall be entitled to have his pay computed at the rates prescribed by that section, as amended by this Act. For the purposes of that computation, an officer with less than three years of service for pay purposes, or a warrant officer or an enlisted person with less than two years of service for pay purposes, retired for physical disability or placed on the temporary disability retired list, shall have those rates increased by 6 per centum.

SEC. 6. Members and former members of the uniformed services who are entitled to receive retired pay, retirement pay, retainer pay, or equivalent pay under laws in effect prior to October 1, 1949, shall be entitled to an increase of 6 per centum of the retired pay, retirement pay, retainer pay, or equivalent pay, to which they are now entitled.

SEC. 7. This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 8. No person, active or retired, in any of the uniformed services, including a reserve component thereof and the National Guard, shall suffer by reason of this Act any reduction in basic or retired pay to which he was entitled upon the effective date of this Act.

Approved March 31, 1955.

## Public Law 21

## CHAPTER 21

## AN ACT

Directing a redetermination of the national marketing quota for burley tobacco for the 1955-1956 marketing year, and for other purposes.

March 31, 1955  
[H. R. 4951]

*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—

(1) The Secretary of Agriculture shall, within ten days after enactment of this Act, redetermine the national marketing quota for burley tobacco for the 1955-1956 marketing year on the basis of the latest available statistics of the Federal Government, apportion such quota among States, convert the State quotas to State acreage allotments, and allot the same among farms pursuant to and in accordance with applicable provisions of law: *Provided*, That burley tobacco marketing quotas and acreage allotments heretofore established for the 1955-1956 marketing year shall not be effective, but the preliminary burley tobacco acreage allotment for any farm determined under section 725.616 of the burley and flue-cured tobacco marketing quota regulations, 1955-1956 marketing year, issued by the Secretary of Agriculture (19 Federal Register 3549), shall not be reduced by more than 25 per centum (except for reductions under section 725.619 of said regulations);

(2) Burley tobacco farm acreage allotments of seven-tenths of an acre or less heretofore determined for the 1955-1956 marketing year when redetermined pursuant to paragraph (1) of this Act may be reduced but not more than one-tenth acre: *Provided, however*, That no allotment of five-tenths of an acre or less shall be reduced under this section;

(3) Within twenty days after the issuance of the proclamation of the national marketing quota for burley tobacco for the 1955-1956 marketing year as redetermined pursuant to paragraph (1) of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall conduct a referendum of farmers who were engaged in the production of the 1954 crop of burley tobacco to determine whether such farmers are in favor of or opposed to such redetermined quota. If more than one-third of the farmers voting in the referendum oppose

Effective date.

Restriction.

Burley tobacco.

Redetermination  
of marketing quota.

Referendum.

such redetermined quota, the Secretary of Agriculture shall, within thirty days after the date of the referendum, proclaim the result of the referendum and (1) no quota for burley tobacco for the 1955-1956 marketing year shall be effective thereafter, and (2) no price support shall be made available on the 1955 crop of burley tobacco.

7 USC 1315.

Acreage allotments.

SEC. 2. Public Law 528, Eighty-second Congress (66 Stat. 597), is hereby amended, effective for the 1956 and subsequent crops of burley tobacco, to read as follows: "The farm acreage allotment for burley tobacco for any year shall not be less than the smallest of (1) the allotment established for the farm for the immediately preceding year, (2) five-tenths of an acre, or (3) 10 per centum of the cropland: *Provided, however,* That no allotment of seven-tenths of an acre or less shall be reduced more than one-tenth of an acre in any one year. The additional acreage required under this Act shall be in addition to the State acreage allotments and the production on such acreage shall be in addition to the national marketing quota."

Excess harvest.  
53 Stat. 1261.  
7 USC 1313.

SEC. 3. Section 313 (g) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, is amended by adding immediately after the first sentence thereof a new sentence to read as follows: "Any acreage of tobacco harvested in excess of the farm acreage allotment for the year 1955, or any subsequent crop shall not be taken into account in establishing State and farm acreage allotments."

7 USC 1313.

False report.

SEC. 4. The last sentence of section 313 (g) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, is amended by adding in the last sentence thereof immediately following the language "if proof of the disposition of any amount of tobacco is not furnished as required by the Secretary" the language "or if any producer on the farm files, or aids or acquiesces in the filing of, any false report with respect to the acreage of tobacco grown on the farm required by regulations issued pursuant to this Act".

68 Stat. 270.  
7 USC 1314.

SEC. 5. Section 314 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, is hereby amended, effective July 1, 1955, with respect to flue-cured tobacco, and October 1, 1955, with respect to other kinds of tobacco, by striking out the figure "50" therein and inserting in lieu thereof the figure "75".

Approved March 31, 1955.

## Public Law 22

## CHAPTER 23

### AN ACT

April 5, 1955  
[H. R. 4941]

To amend the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended, and for other purposes.

Foreign Service Act Amendments of 1955.

60 Stat. 1003.  
22 USC 868.

Appointive salary.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "Foreign Service Act Amendments of 1955".

SEC. 2. Section 413 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 413. A person appointed as a Foreign Service officer shall receive basic salary at one of the rates of the class to which he is appointed which the Secretary shall, taking into consideration his age, qualifications, and experience, determine to be appropriate for him to receive."

22 USC 888.

Salary differential.

SEC. 3. Section 443 of such Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 443. The President may, under such regulations as he may prescribe, establish rates of salary differential, not exceeding 25 per centum of basic salary, for Foreign Service officers, Reserve officers, and staff officers and employees assigned to posts involving extraor-