

(a) a statement of each claim submitted to the Secretary of the Army in accordance with this Act which has not been settled by him, with supporting papers and a report of his findings of facts and recommendations; and

(b) a report of each claim settled by him and paid pursuant to this Act. The reports shall contain a brief statement concerning the character and justice of each claim, the amount claimed, and the amount approved and paid.

SEC. 11. Attorney and agent fees shall be paid out of the awards hereunder. No attorney or agent on account of services rendered in connection with each claim shall receive in excess of 10 per centum of the amount paid, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding.

Whoever violates the provisions of this Act shall be fined a sum not to exceed \$5,000.

SEC. 12. If any particular provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act shall not be affected thereby.

Approved August 12, 1955.

Attorney and
agent fees.

Penalty for vio-
lations.

Separability.

Public Law 379

CHAPTER 865

AN ACT

To repeal the manufacturers excise tax on motorcycles.

August 12, 1955
[H. R. 5647]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4061 (a) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (relating to tax on certain motor vehicles) is hereby amended by striking out "Motorcycles."

68A Stat. 481.
26 USC 4061.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by the first section of this Act shall apply only with respect to articles sold on or after the first day of the first month which begins more than ten days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Approved August 12, 1955.

Public Law 380

CHAPTER 866

AN ACT

To provide for the granting of career-conditional and career appointments to certain qualified employees.

August 12, 1955
[S. 1849]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the appointment of each employee of the Federal Government or the municipal government of the District of Columbia who—

Government em-
ployees.
Career-conditional and career
appointments.

(1) on the effective date of this Act is serving under an indefinite or temporary appointment in a position in the competitive civil service other than a position for which the salary is fixed by the Postal Field Service Compensation Act of 1955 (Public Law 68, Eighty-fourth Congress);

(2) on January 23, 1955, was serving in a position in the competitive civil service;

(3) from January 23, 1955, to the effective date of this Act, served in a position or positions in the competitive civil service without break in service;

(4) (A) during the period beginning June 3, 1950, and ending January 23, 1955, passed a qualifying examination for a position

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in the competitive civil service in which he served during such period, or (B) within one year after the effective date of this Act meets such noncompetitive examination standards as the United States Civil Service Commission shall prescribe with respect to the position which he holds at the time he makes the application prescribed by this section; and

(5) has completed, prior to making such application, a total of continuous or intermittent satisfactory service aggregating not less than three years on the rolls in a position or positions in the competitive civil service;

shall, upon application by such employee made within one year after the effective date of this Act to the appropriate department, agency, or establishment concerned, and upon recommendation by such department, agency, or establishment, be converted to a career-conditional appointment or a career appointment determined by the appropriate United States Civil Service Commission regulations governing conversions to career-conditional or career appointments in accordance with Executive Order Numbered 10577, dated November 22, 1954.

3 CFR, 1954
Supp., p. 84.
D. C. Correc-
tions Department
employees.

SEC. 2. The appointment in the competitive civil service of each employee who—

(1) (A) was appointed on or after December 20, 1941, to a position in the Workhouse at Ocoquan in the State of Virginia, the Reformatory at Lorton in the State of Virginia, or the Washington Asylum and Jail, (B) was appointed to a position in the Department of Corrections of the District of Columbia (as constituted on and after June 27, 1946) with a war service indefinite appointment, or (C) was appointed on or after June 27, 1946, and prior to January 1, 1955, to a position in such Department of Corrections, without regard to the civil-service laws, rules, and regulations;

(2) is in a position in the Department of Corrections of the District of Columbia on the effective date of this Act;

(3) has completed, prior to making the application prescribed by this section, a total of continuous or intermittent satisfactory service aggregating not less than three years in a position or positions in the municipal government of the District of Columbia; and

(4) within one year after the effective date of this Act meets such noncompetitive examination standards as the United States Civil Service Commission shall prescribe with respect to the position which he holds at the time he makes the application prescribed by this section;

shall, upon application by such employee made within one year after the effective date of this Act to the appropriate department, agency, or establishment concerned, and upon recommendation by such department, agency, or establishment, be converted to a career-conditional appointment or a career appointment determined by the appropriate United States Civil Service Commission regulations governing conversions to career-conditional or career appointments in accordance with Executive Order Numbered 10577, dated November 22, 1954.

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Persons separated without cause after Jan. 23, 1955.

SEC. 3. Each individual who—

(1) was serving in a position in the competitive civil service under an indefinite appointment on January 23, 1955;

(2) between January 23, 1955, and the effective date of this Act, was involuntarily separated from the competitive civil service for any reason other than for cause;

(3) (A) during the period beginning June 3, 1950, and ending January 23, 1955, passed a qualifying examination for a

position in which he served during such period, or (B) within one year after the effective date of this Act, meets such non-competitive examination standards as the United States Civil Service Commission shall prescribe; and

(4) has completed, prior to reappointment under this section, a total of continuous or intermittent satisfactory service aggregating not less than three years on the rolls in a position or positions in the competitive civil service;

may, during the period ending two years after the effective date of this Act, be reappointed without competitive examination to a position in the competitive civil service for which he is qualified and such reappointment (except reappointment to a position involving temporary job employment) shall be a career-conditional appointment or a career appointment determined by the appropriate United States Civil Service Commission regulations governing conversions to career-conditional or career appointments in accordance with Executive Order Numbered 10577, dated November 22, 1954.

SEC. 4. The United States Civil Service Commission is hereby authorized and directed to promulgate such rules and regulations as it determines to be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. Nothing in this Act shall affect, or be construed to affect, the application of section 1310 of the Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1952 (Public Law 253, Eighty-second Congress), as amended.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect on the ninetieth day following the date of its enactment.

Approved August 12, 1955.

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Rules and regulations.

Effective date.

Public Law 381

CHAPTER 867

AN ACT

To amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 in order to increase the national minimum wage, and for other purposes.

August 12, 1955
[S. 2168]

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 "Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1955".

Fair Labor Standards
Amendments
of 1955.
Report to Congress.
52 Stat. 1062.
29 USC 204 (d).

SEC. 2. Subsection (d) of section 4 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Such report shall contain an evaluation and appraisal by the Secretary of the minimum wages established by this Act, together with his recommendations to the Congress. In making such evaluation and appraisal, the Secretary shall take into consideration any changes which may have occurred in the cost of living and in productivity and the level of wages in manufacturing, the ability of employers to absorb wage increases, and such other factors as he may deem pertinent."

SEC. 3. Effective March 1, 1956, paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of section 6 of such Act is amended by striking out "75 cents" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1".

Minimum wage.
63 Stat. 912.
29 USC 206 (a).

SEC. 4. Effective July 1, 1956, subsection (a) of section 8 of such Act is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following: "Minimum rates of wages established in accordance with this section shall be reviewed by such a committee at least once each fiscal year."

Puerto Rico and
Virgin Islands.
63 Stat. 915.
29 USC 208 (a).

SEC. 5. (a) Subsection (a) of section 5 of such Act is amended by striking out "and the administrator" in the last sentence.

63 Stat. 911.
29 USC 205 (a).

(b) Subsection (b) of section 8 of such Act is amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The industry committee shall investigate conditions in the

29 USC 208.