

[CHAPTER 187]

AN ACT

To establish a Women's Army Corps for service in the Army of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established in the Army of the United States, for the period of the present war and for six months thereafter or for such shorter period as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President by proclamation shall prescribe, a component to be known as the "Women's Army Corps". The total number of women enlisted or appointed in the Women's Army Corps shall not exceed the number authorized from time to time by the President.

SEC. 2. The enlisted personnel of such corps shall consist of women of excellent character in good physical health, who are enlisted in the Army of the United States under the provisions of the last paragraph of section 127a of the National Defense Act, as amended (54 Stat. 213), and who are on the date of such enlistment citizens of the United States between the ages of twenty and fifty years. All laws and regulations now or hereafter applicable to enlisted men or former enlisted men of the Army of the United States and their dependents and beneficiaries shall, in like cases and except where otherwise expressly provided, be applicable respectively to enlisted personnel and former enlisted personnel of such corps and their dependents and beneficiaries.

SEC. 3. The commissioned officers of such corps shall consist of women appointed as officers in the Army of the United States under the provisions of the joint resolution of September 22, 1941 (55 Stat. 728), and ordered into the active military service of the United States. The commanding officer of such corps shall be a colonel and such officers of lower rank shall be appointed as the Secretary of War may prescribe: *Provided*, That physicians and nurses shall not be enlisted in this corps: *And provided further*, That commissioned officers and noncommissioned officers of the Women's Army Corps shall exercise command only over women of the Women's Army Corps and other members of the Army of the United States specifically placed under their command. They and their dependents and beneficiaries shall have all of the rights, privileges, and benefits accorded in like cases to other persons under that Act, except where otherwise expressly provided.

SEC. 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no woman appointed as an officer in the Army of the United States under the provisions hereof who has previously held an appointment as an officer of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps established pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 14, 1942 (Public Law 554, Seventy-seventh Congress), shall be entitled to any uniform allowance payable to officers of the Army of the United States. Such officers who have not received a complete issue of uniforms, insignia, accessories, and equipment prescribed under the provisions of section 8 of such Act of May 14, 1942, may be issued the remainder of such prescribed articles, and all such officers who have heretofore received, or may hereafter receive such complete issue, or any part thereof, may retain such articles as their personal property.

SEC. 5. Effective on the last day of the second calendar month following the date of the approval of this Act, the Act of May 14, 1942, as amended, except section 11 thereof, is hereby repealed. Section 11 of such Act of May 14, 1942, shall not be applicable to enlisted personnel or commissioned officers of the corps established by this Act except in cases in which its applicability is based upon the status of such enlisted personnel or commissioned officers as former members

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[Public Law 110]

Women's Army Corps.
Establishment as component of Army of U. S.

Maximum strength.

Enlisted personnel.

41 Stat. 785.
10 U. S. C. § 634.

Commissioned officers.

10 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 484 note.
Post, p. 380.

Physicians and nurses.

Exercise of command.

Rights, privileges, and benefits.

Officers' uniforms, etc.

56 Stat. 278.
10 U. S. C., Supp. II, §§ 1393, 1701-1718;
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. § 511.

56 Stat. 280.
10 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1708.

Repeal of existing law; exception.
56 Stat. 278.
10 U. S. C., Supp. II, §§ 1393, 1701-1718;
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. § 511.
Injury or death benefits.
10 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1711.

Termination of service under Act of May 14, 1942.

Transportation from last duty post.

of the corps established by such Act of May 14, 1942. Enlistment or acceptance of appointment under the provisions of this Act shall terminate service under the Act of May 14, 1942, and personnel who were enrolled or appointed under the Act last mentioned who do not so enlist or accept appointment hereunder will be discharged. The Secretary of War is authorized to provide transportation and sleeping accommodations, or an allowance in lieu thereof at the rate of 5 cents per mile, for the travel from her last duty post to the place of her acceptance for appointment or enrollment to any member of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps established pursuant to the provisions of such Act of May 14, 1942, who is not appointed or enlisted in the Army of the United States pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

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[CHAPTER 188]

AN ACT

July 3, 1943
[S. 832]
[Public Law 111]

Relating to the sale of horse meat or food products thereof in the District of Columbia.

Horse meat and horse-meat products, D. C.
Marking or labeling; notification.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That after thirty days after the date of enactment of this Act it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation, or any officer, agent, or employee thereof, to sell or offer for sale within the District of Columbia to any person any horse meat or food product thereof unless such meat or food product is plainly and conspicuously labeled, marked, branded, or tagged "horse meat" or "horse-meat product", as the case may be, or, in the case of any horse meat or food product thereof which is sold or offered for sale to any consumer at a hotel, restaurant, or similar establishment, unless such consumer is notified that the food which he receives contains horse meat or food products thereof.

Penalties.

SEC. 2. Any person who willfully violates any provision of this Act, or any regulation prescribed thereunder, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Regulations.

SEC. 3. The health officer of the District of Columbia, subject to the approval of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, is authorized to make such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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[CHAPTER 189]

AN ACT

July 3, 1943
[S. 1026]
[Public Law 112]

To provide for the settlement of claims for damage to or loss or destruction of property or personal injury or death caused by military personnel or civilian employees, or otherwise incident to activities, of the War Department or of the Army.

Damages incident to activities of War Department or Army.
Settlement of small claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War, and, subject to appeal to the Secretary of War, such other officer or officers as he may designate for such purposes and under such regulations as he may prescribe, are hereby authorized to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, settle and pay in an amount not in excess of \$500, or in time of war not in excess of \$1,000, where accepted by the claimant in full satisfaction and final settlement, any claim against the United States arising on or after May 27, 1941, when such claim is substantiated in such manner as the Secretary of War may by regulation prescribe, for damage to or loss or destruction of property,