

Public Law 90-428

July 26, 1968
[S. 1418]

AN ACT

To make several changes in the passport laws presently in force.

Passport laws.
Changes.
47 Stat. 157.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of July 3, 1926, as amended (22 U.S.C. 217a), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The validity of the passport shall be limited to a period of not more than five years. The Secretary of State may limit a passport to a shorter period. A valid passport outstanding as of the effective date of this Act shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of issue except where such passport is or has been limited by the Secretary of State to a shorter period."

Fees.

41 Stat. 750;
70 Stat. 11.

SEC. 2. Section 1 of the Act of June 4, 1920, as amended (22 U.S.C. 214), is amended to read as follows:

"There shall be collected and paid into the Treasury of the United States quarterly a fee of \$2 for executing each application for a passport and \$10 for each passport issued: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to limit the right of the Secretary of State by regulation to authorize State officials to collect and retain the execution fee of \$2. No passport fee shall be collected from an officer or employee of the United States proceeding abroad in the discharge of official duties, or from members of his immediate family; from an American seaman who requires a passport in connection with his duties aboard an American flag-vessel; or from a widow, child, parent, brother, or sister of a deceased member of the Armed Forces proceeding abroad to visit the grave of such member. No execution fee shall be collected for an application made before a Federal official by a person excused from payment of the passport fee under this section."

Application.

40 Stat. 227.

SEC. 3. Section 1 of title IX of the Act of June 15, 1917 (22 U.S.C. 213), is amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Before a passport is issued to any person by or under authority of the United States such person shall subscribe to and submit a written application which shall contain a true recital of each and every matter of fact which may be required by law or by any rules authorized by law to be stated as a prerequisite to the issuance of any such passport. If the applicant has not previously been issued a United States passport, the application shall be duly verified by his oath before a person authorized and empowered by the Secretary of State to administer oaths."

Effective date.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect on the thirtieth day following the date of its enactment.

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AN ACT

To amend section 620, title 38, United States Code, to authorize payment of a higher proportion of hospital costs in establishing amounts payable for nursing home care of certain veterans.

Veterans.
Nursing home
care.

78 Stat. 500.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph (2) of section 620(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking "one-third" and inserting in lieu thereof "40 per centum".

Approved July 26, 1968.