The minimum amount payable under existing law for the loss of any one piece of registered mail: Provided, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

Approved July 13, 1953.

Private Law 78

AN ACT
For the relief of John W. McBride.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 15 to 20, inclusive, of the Act entitled "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes" approved September 7, 1916, as amended (5 U. S. C. 765-770), are hereby waived in favor of John W. McBride for compensation for disability caused by an injury allegedly sustained by him on or about March 13, 1943, while in the performance of his duties as an instructor at the Army Air Forces Technical School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and his claim is authorized and directed to be considered and acted upon under the remaining provisions of such Act, as amended, if he files such claim with the Bureau of Employees' Compensation not later than six months after the date of enactment of this Act. No benefits shall accrue by reason of the enactment of this Act for any period prior to the date of its enactment.

Approved July 16, 1953.

Private Law 79

AN ACT
For the relief of Socorro Gerona de Castro.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purposes of the immigration and naturalization laws, Socorro Gerona de Castro shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this Act, upon payment of the required visa fee. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such alien as provided for in this Act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct one number from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available.

Approved July 16, 1953.