Private Law 418 CHAPTER 301

June 16, 1954
[H. R. 3725]

AN ACT

For the relief of Curtis W. Strong.

Curtis W. Strong.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Curtis W. Strong, a sum sufficient, not to exceed $4,607, to indemnify said Curtis W. Strong for losses incurred because of an operation performed on June 10, 1918, at the United States Army Field Hospital, at Toul, France, in which two rubber drainage tubes were permitted to remain in the left chest of Curtis W. Strong, this operation being performed because of a wound sustained in action on June 5, 1918, in Belleau Wood, France. As a result of this error on the part of the Army doctors, Curtis W. Strong was unable to work as a letter carrier between May 29, 1944, and June 1, 1951. The payment of the sums specified heretofore shall be in full settlement of his claim for loss of pay due to the negligence of the United States Army doctors: *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 June 16, 1954.

Private Law 419 CHAPTER 302

June 16, 1954
[H. R. 6477]

AN ACT

For the relief of the Columbia Hospital of Richland County, South Carolina.

Columbia Hospital of Richland County, S. C.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Columbia Hospital of Richland County, South Carolina, the sum of $18,322.92. Such sum represents reimbursement for the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by such hospital in providing care and treatment during the period beginning September 18, 1942, and ending October 18, 1952, to one Halsford V. Sharpe, a former prisoner of the United States who is permanently and totally disabled as a result of an injury sustained by him in the course of his arrest on March 7, 1942, by agents of the Alcohol Tax Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, and who was placed in such hospital by such agents on such date. The United States, through the Department of Justice, paid all expenses for such care and treatment for the period beginning March 7, 1942, and ending September 17, 1942, during which period the said Halsford V. Sharpe was in the custody of a United States marshal but, on the latter date, the said Halsford V. Sharpe was discharged from such custody and the United States disclaimed further liability in law to pay such expenses.

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(b) After reference of the matter to the United States Court of Claims by H. Res. 404, Eighty-second Congress, agreed to on October 4, 1951, such court in the congressional reference case styled Columbia Hospital of Richland County against the United States (Congressional Numbered 17872, decided July 13, 1953) determined (1) that there was a moral obligation on the part of the United States to compensate the Columbia Hospital of Richland County, South Carolina, for the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by such hospital in the care and treatment of the said Halsford V. Sharpe, (2) that the sum of $18,322.92 is the amount of such expenses for the period beginning September 18, 1942, and ending October 18, 1952, and (3) that the United States should compensate such hospital for all such expenses occurring after the end of such period or, in lieu thereof, should arrange the transfer of the said Halsford V. Sharpe to a Federal institution properly equipped to care for him on a permanent basis.

(c) In accordance with such determination of the court, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare and the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs are authorized and directed to make such arrangements as may be necessary and appropriate (1) to assist in the transfer of the said Halsford V. Sharpe, on the earliest practicable date, from the Columbia Hospital of Richland County, South Carolina, to any hospital under the jurisdiction of the Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, or the Veterans' Administration, which is properly equipped to receive and care for the said Halsford V. Sharpe, and (2) to provide care and treatment on a permanent basis for the said Halsford V. Sharpe in such hospital under the jurisdiction of the Public Health Service or the Veterans' Administration, as the case may be. There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Treasury for each fiscal year such sums as may be necessary to enable the Secretary to reimburse the Public Health Service or the Veterans' Administration, as the case may be, for care and treatment provided under the authority in this subsection.

(d) The Secretary of the Treasury is further authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Columbia Hospital of Richland County, South Carolina, a sum equal to the amount which shall be certified by such hospital to the United States Court of Claims, and shall be approved and certified by such court to the Secretary of the Treasury, as being the amount of the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by such hospital in providing for the care and treatment of the said Halsford V. Sharpe during the period beginning October 19, 1952, and ending on the day immediately prior to the date of the transfer of the said Halsford V. Sharpe to the hospital under the jurisdiction of the Public Health Service or the Veterans' Administration, as provided for in subsection (c).

(e) The payments to the Columbia Hospital of Richland County, South Carolina, of the sums referred to in subsections (a) and (d) and the transfer of the said Halsford V. Sharpe to a hospital under the jurisdiction of the Public Health Service or the Veterans' Administration for care and treatment therein on a permanent basis as provided for in subsection (c) shall be in full settlement of all claims against the United States for reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the care and treatment of the said Halsford V. Sharpe.

(f) No part of either of the sums 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 the claim or portion thereof settled by the payment of such sum, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding, nor shall any sum appropriated in this Act be paid to such agent or attorney with respect to amounts accrued after the date of enactment of this Act. Any person violating the provisions of this subsection shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

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Private Law 420 CHAPTER 325

June 18, 1954
[S. 1432]

AN ACT

For the relief of Milos Grahovac and Nikola Maljkovic.

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 Nationality Act, Milos Grahovac, and Nikola Maljkovic 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 fees. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such aliens as provided for in this Act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct the required numbers from the appropriate quota or quotas for the first year that such quota or quotas are available.

66 Stat. 163.
8 USC 1101 note.

Quota deductions.

Approved June 18, 1954.

Private Law 421 CHAPTER 326

June 18, 1954
[H. R. 2016]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain land to the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, upon the filing of an application within one year from the date of this Act and the payment of the purchase price within such period, the Secretary of the Interior shall sell and convey to the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America for church purposes, the following-described land situated in Alaska:

Presbyterian Church.
Board of National Missions.
Sale of land in Alaska.

The northeasterly half of block 10 of the East Government Hill Subdivision at Anchorage, Alaska, comprising lots 7, 8, 9, and 10 of block 10, as shown on the official plat drawn by The Alaska Railroad, and described as follows: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of block 10, which is located at the intersection of the southerly side of Hollywood Drive with the westerly side of Elm Street; thence south fifteen degrees thirty-eight minutes west, one hundred sixty-nine and seventy-one one-hundredths feet along the westerly side of Elm Street; thence south sixty degrees thirty-eight minutes west, fifty-seven and fifty-seven one-hundredths feet along the northwesterly side of Elm Street; thence north twenty-nine degrees twenty-two minutes west, two hundred seventy-seven and fifty-seven one-hundredths feet along the northeasterly side of the alley through block 10; thence north sixty degrees thirty-eight minutes east, twenty feet to a point on the southerly side of Hollywood Drive; thence south seventy-four degrees