

- approved prior to October 1, 1951, and not superseded or otherwise modified by a later authorization are repealed, except (1) authorizations for public works and for appropriations therefor that are set forth in such Acts in the titles that contain the general provisions, (2) authorizations for military public works projects as to which appropriated funds shall have been obligated in whole or in part prior to July 1, 1956, and authorizations for appropriations therefor, and (3) the authorizations with respect to military public works and the appropriation of funds that are contained in the National Defense Facilities Act of 1950 (64 Stat. 829).
- Exceptions.**
- 50 USC 881 note.
- Funds for advance planning.**
65 Stat. 364.
31 USC 723.
- Reimbursement of owners and tenants.**
68 Stat. 562.
- 68 Stat. 562.
- Mess facilities for barracks.**
- Leasing of housing facilities.**
- SEC. 512. Section 504 of Public Law 155, Eighty-second Congress, is amended to read as follows:
- "SEC. 504. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated without fiscal year limitation, funds for advance planning, construction design, and architectural services in connection with public works projects which are not otherwise authorized by law."
- SEC. 513. (a) The first sentence of section 501 (b) of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize certain construction at military and naval installations, and for other purposes", approved September 28, 1951 (65 Stat. 36), is amended by striking out "used by such owners and tenants for residential or agricultural purposes,".
- (b) The first sentence of section 401 (b) of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize certain construction at military and naval installations, and for other purposes", approved July 14, 1952 (66 Stat. 606), is amended by striking out "used by such owner and tenants for residential or agricultural purposes,".
- SEC. 514. None of the authorization contained in section 101 of this Act for the construction of three-hundred-and-twenty-six-man barracks with mess shall be used to provide, with respect to any such barracks, for mess facilities other than a single, consolidated mess.
- SEC. 515. During the fiscal years 1956 and 1957 the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, respectively, are authorized to lease housing facilities at or near military tactical installations for assignment as public quarters to military personnel and their dependents without rental charge upon a determination by the Secretary of Defense or his designee that there is a lack of adequate housing facilities at or near such military tactical installations: *Provided*, That not more than one thousand housing units may be so leased and the rental cost to the Government for any housing unit may not exceed \$150 per month.
- Approved July 15, 1955.

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CHAPTER 369

July 15, 1955
[H. R. 7066]

AN ACT

To provide for the conservation of anthracite coal resources through measures of flood control and anthracite mine drainage, and for other purposes.

Anthracite mine
drainage.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is hereby recognized that the presence of large volumes of water in anthracite coal formations involves serious wastage of the fuel resources of the Nation, and constitutes a menace to health and safety and national security. It is therefore declared to be the policy of the Congress to

provide for the control and drainage of water in the anthracite coal formations and thereby conserve natural resources, promote national security, prevent injuries and loss of life, and preserve public and private property.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in order to carry out the above-mentioned purposes, to make financial contributions on the basis of programs or projects approved by the Secretary, to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (hereinafter designated as the "Commonwealth") for control and drainage of water which, if not so controlled or drained, will cause the flooding of anthracite coal formations, said contributions to be applied to the cost of drainage works, pumping plants, and related facilities but subject, however, to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) The amounts authorized to be contributed by the Secretary of the Interior to the Commonwealth shall be equally matched by the Commonwealth;

(b) The total amount of contributions by the Secretary of the Interior under the authority of this Act shall not exceed \$8,500,000;

(c) The amounts contributed by the Secretary of the Interior under the authority of this Act and the equally matched amounts contributed by the Commonwealth shall not be used for operating and maintaining projects constructed pursuant to this Act;

(d) The Commonwealth shall have full responsibility for installing, operating, and maintaining projects constructed pursuant to this Act, and shall give evidence, satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior, that it will enforce effective installation, operation, and maintenance safeguards; and

(e) Projects constructed pursuant to this Act shall be so located, operated, and maintained as to provide the maximum conservation of anthracite coal resources and, where possible, to avoid creating inequities among those mines which may be affected by the waters to be controlled thereby.

SEC. 3. The Commonwealth shall furnish to the Secretary of the Interior a statement with respect to the project showing work done, the status of the project, expenditures and amounts obligated, at such times and in such detail as the Secretary of the Interior shall require for the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 4. Whenever the Secretary of the Interior, after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing, finds that there is a failure to expend funds in accordance with the terms and conditions governing the Federal contribution for such approved projects, he shall notify the Commonwealth that further payments will not be made to the Commonwealth from appropriations under this Act until he is satisfied that there will no longer be any such failure. Until he is so satisfied the Secretary of the Interior shall withhold the payment of any financial contributions to the Commonwealth.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Interior shall render to Congress on or before the first day of February of each year for four consecutive years, commencing on or before February 1, 1957, a report of the progress and accomplishments of the program provided for by this Act.

SEC. 6. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved July 15, 1955.

U. S. contributions to Pennsylvania.

Matching amounts.

Installations, etc.

Statement.

Withholding of payments.

Report to Congress.

Appropriation. Post, p. 460.