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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Read twice, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LONG introduced the following bill : —

A BILL

To promote the efficiency of the Revenue Marine Service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That when any officer of the Revenue Marine shall be incapable of performing the duties of his office he shall be either retired from active service or wholly retired from the service ; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to convene a board, to number not more than five nor less than three members, which shall consist of

two or more officers of the Revenue Marine and one or two surgeons of the Marine Hospital Service, who shall be sworn in every case to discharge their duties honestly and impartially; and such board may inquire into and determine the facts touching the nature and occasion of the disability of any officer who may appear before it under the authority of the Treasury Department, and shall have such powers of a court of inquiry as may be necessary for that purpose; and when such board shall find an officer incapacitated for active service it shall also find and report the cause which, in its judgment, has produced his incapacity, and whether such cause is an incident of service.

SECT. 2. That when such board shall find an officer of the Revenue Marine incapacitated for active service, and that his incapacity is the result of an incident of service, said officer shall be retired from active service and placed on the list of retired officers of the Revenue Marine, at a compensation of three-fourths of the duty-pay provided by law for officers of his grade at the date of such retirement; and when such board shall find that an officer is incapacitated for active service, and that his incapacity is not the result of any incident of the service, and its decision is approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, the officer shall be retired from active service at one-half the pay of his grade, or wholly retired from the service: *Provided*, That any officer who shall be wholly retired from the service under the foregoing provisions shall be entitled to the full pay provided by law at the time of his retirement for the term of one year from the date of such retirement: *And provided further*, That officers of the Revenue Marine who have attained or hereafter may attain to the age of sixty-five years shall be retired, by reason of age, at three-fourths of the duty-pay of their grade; and any officer who shall have served forty years in said service may, at his own request, be retired by the President, at three-fourths of the duty-pay of his grade.

SECT. 3. That the vacancies created upon the active-list by the retirement of officers of the Revenue Marine under the foregoing provision shall be filled by promotion as pro-

vided by law: *Provided*, That hereafter when an officer of the Revenue Marine Service is examined for promotion, and found qualified by passing the required standard of eligibility, he shall, when a vacancy occurs, be advanced to the next higher grade in the order of seniority of rank.

SECT. 4. That all acts or parts of acts conflicting with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

