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2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That officers of the Veteran Reserve Corps, or of the volun-  
4       teer service, now on duty in the Freedmen's Bureau as assist-  
5       ant commissioners, agents, medical officers, or in other  
6       capacities, whose regiments or corps have been, or may here-  
7       after be mustered out of service, or who may themselves  
8       have been, or may hereafter be mustered out of service,  
9       may be retained by the Commissioner of the Freedmen's  
10      Bureau upon such duty as officers of said bureau, with the  
11      same compensation, including pay and all allowances as is pro-  
12      vided by law for their respective grades and duties at the  
13      date of their muster-out and discharge. And said officers so  
14      retained, and other agents regularly appointed, shall have the

15 same authority as that conferred upon officers of said bureau  
16 by the “ Act to continue in force and to amend ‘ An act to  
17 establish a Bureau for the relief of Refugees and Freedmen, ’ ”  
18 passed July sixteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

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