

May 25, 1896.

CHAP. 244.—An Act To authorize the establishment of a life-saving station at Port Huron, on the coast of Lake Huron, Michigan.

Port Huron, Mich.
Life-saving station
established.

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 be, and is hereby, authorized to establish a life-saving station at or near Port Huron, on the coast of Lake Huron, in the State of Michigan, at such point as the General Superintendent of the Life-Saving Service may recommend.

Approved, May 25, 1896.

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CHAP. 245.—An Act Relating to the testimony of physicians in the courts of the District of Columbia.

District of Colum-
bia.
Physicians prohib-
ited disclosing confi-
dential information.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the courts of the District of Columbia no physician or surgeon shall be permitted, without the consent of the person afflicted, or of his legal representative, to disclose any information, confidential in its nature, which he shall have acquired in attending a patient in a professional capacity and which was necessary to enable him to act in that capacity, whether such information shall have been obtained from the patient or from his family or from the person or persons in charge of him: *Provided,* That this Act shall not apply to evidence in criminal cases where the accused is charged with causing the death of, or inflicting injuries upon, a human being, and the disclosure shall be required in the interests of public justice.

Proviso.
Exception in crimi-
nal cases.

Received by the President, May 13, 1896.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

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CHAP. 246.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near the city of Boonville, Missouri.

Boonville and How-
ard County Bridge
Company may bridge
Missouri River. Boon-
ville, Mo.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Boonville and Howard County Bridge Company and its successors, assigns, grantees, mortgagees, and successors in interest be, and are hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River at or near the city of Boonville, Missouri, between the counties of Cooper and Howard, at a point at least one-third of a mile from any other bridge, to be selected consistent with the interests of river navigation. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, street railway cars, motor cars, animals, foot passengers, and for all road travel, for such reasonable rates of toll and under such reasonable rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the said parties or their successors and assigns, and to be approved from time to time by the Secretary of War.

Wagon, etc., bridge.

Toll

Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.

SEC. 2. That the said bridge shall not be commenced or built until the plans and specifications for its construction have been submitted to the Secretary of War for his approval, nor until he shall approve the plan and location of said bridge; and if any change be made in the plan or construction of said bridge at any time, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and any change in the construction or any alteration of said bridge that may be directed at any time by Congress or the Secretary of War shall be made at the cost and expense of the owners thereof; that the said bridge shall be constructed without interference with the security and convenience of

Changes.