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not to exceed six hundred and fifty thousand dollars, said vessels to be as follows:

Puget Sound, etc. One steam revenue cutter of the first class for duty in Puget Sound and adjacent waters, at a cost not to exceed two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Savannah, Ga., etc. One steam revenue cutter of the first class for duty at Savannah, Georgia, and adjacent waters on the Atlantic coast, at a cost not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars.

New Bedford, Mass., etc. One able seagoing tug for the Revenue-Cutter Service for duty at New Bedford, Massachusetts, and adjacent waters on the Atlantic coast, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

New Orleans, etc., La. One boarding vessel for the Revenue-Cutter Service for duty at New Orleans, Louisiana, and adjacent waters, at a cost not to exceed fifty thousand dollars.

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CHAP. 2280.—An Act To provide for the better registration of births in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.
Registration of births.
Report required from physician, midwife, etc.
Blanks.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any physician or midwife who attends at the birth of any child within the District of Columbia, and any person whosoever who, in the absence of a physician or midwife, performs any of the offices usually rendered by such shall execute or cause to be executed and shall file with the health officer of said District not later than the Saturday first ensuing after the expiration of three secular days immediately following the date of such birth a proper report thereof, written in ink, on a blank furnished by said health officer, embodying all such data as may be necessary for the purposes of the Bureau of the Census of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and such other data, if any, as the Commissioners of said District deem needful. So far as relates to any data aforesaid not based upon the personal observation of the physician, midwife, or other person by whom report is made, every such report shall show the name and address of the informant and the relationship of said informant to the child born: *Provided, however*, That if the child born be illegitimate it shall in no case be necessary for any physician, midwife, or other person to indicate on any report required by this Act any fact or facts whereby the identity of the father or of the mother or of the child born will be disclosed: *And provided further*, That no report need be made of stillbirths when the fetus delivered has apparently not passed the fifth month of utero-gestation.

Provisos.
Illegitimate children.

Stillbirths.

Acknowledgment of parent.

Upon receipt of any report aforesaid, said health officer shall forward to the father of the child, or, if his address be unknown, to the mother, an acknowledgment of the receipt of such report, and if the infant delivered be not stillborn, and such report does not contain the given name of the child born, a blank form on which the father or mother may certify over his or her signature the name of such child, which form, if thus executed and returned to said health officer within three months next following the date of birth, shall be a part of the official record of such birth.

Record of name.

False certificates, etc., forbidden.

SEC. 2. That no person shall, in the District of Columbia, willfully or negligently certify falsely to any fact whatsoever upon any report of a birth. And after any such report has been received by the health officer of said District no person shall alter the same otherwise than by amendments written independently of the body of the report and properly dated, signed, and witnessed. No person shall in said Dis-

trict make any false or fictitious report of a birth or any false or fictitious transcript of any record of a birth or of a marriage.

Inspection of reports.

SEC. 3. That the reports required by this Act shall, when duly filed with the health officer of the District of Columbia, be a part of the public records of said District, and any person having an interest in any particular matter contained or reasonably believed to be contained therein, shall be permitted to inspect such certificates and reports, during all reasonable hours, without charge, so far as can be done without interfering with the official use of such certificates by employees of the health department. The health officer aforesaid shall be the custodian of all reports filed under the provisions of this Act, and annually, and at such other times as the Commissioners of said District may direct, shall make and publish abstracts and analyses of the data therein contained.

Duties of health officer.

Punishment for violations.

SEC. 4. That any person violating any of the provisions of this Act or aiding or abetting in any violation thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. And if any report required by this Act to be made within a specified time be not made within the time so specified each week or part of a week thereafter during which such report has not been made shall constitute a separate and distinct offense: *Provided, however*, That no report aforesaid nor any information which has been obtained by the prosecuting officer on the basis of such report shall be receivable in evidence against the person filing the same in any prosecution of such person for failure to file such report within the time allowed by law. Prosecutions under this Act shall be in the police court of the District of Columbia on informations signed by the corporation counsel of said District or by one of his assistants.

Failure to report in specified time.

Proviso.
Prosecutions for not filing reports, evidence not admitted.

Corporation counsel's duties.

Effect.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall take effect from and after the expiration of the six months immediately following its passage, and from and after that time all Acts and parts of Acts contrary to the provisions of this Act or inconsistent therewith shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Repeal.

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CHAP. 2281.—An Act To create the Barnaby road, from its intersection with the Livingston road to the District line, a public highway in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Barnaby road made a public highway.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Barnaby road, from its intersection with the Livingston road to the District line, shall be regarded and treated by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia as a public highway of the said District, and if dedication of any part of this road may be considered necessary the Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to accept such dedication, free of cost to the District of Columbia.

Dedication.

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CHAP. 2282.—An Act To provide and maintain for the port of Galveston, Texas, a customs boarding boat.

Customs.
Boarding boat for Galveston, Tex.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be provided for the port of Galveston, Texas, a motor boarding boat, and that the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary