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**CHAP. 2566.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to require the erection of fire escapes in certain buildings in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved March nineteenth, nineteen hundred and six.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That sections one, two, three, five, eleven, and thirteen of an Act entitled "An Act to require the erection of fire escapes in certain buildings in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved March nineteenth, nineteen hundred and six, are hereby amended as follows:

District of Columbia.
Fire escapes for tenement houses, etc., in.

Amend section one so as to read:

Duty of owner.

"SEC. 1. That it shall be the duty of the owner, entitled to the beneficial use, rental, or control of any building three or more stories in height, or over thirty feet in height, constructed or used or intended to be used as a tenement house, apartment house, flat, hotel, hospital, seminary, academy, school, college, institute, dormitory, asylum, sanitarium, hall, or place of amusement, or office building or store not exempted as in this Act hereinafter provided, to provide and cause to be erected and fixed to every such building, connecting with each floor above the first floor by easily accessible and unobstructed openings, one or more suitable fire escapes, in such location and numbers and of such material, type, and construction as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may determine."

"Office building or store" added.
*Ante*, p. 70, amended.

Amend section two so as to read:

Buildings occupied by ten or more persons above the second stories.

"SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the owner entitled to the beneficial use, rental, or control of any building already erected, or which may hereafter be erected, in which ten or more persons are employed at the same time in any of the stories above the second story, except three-story buildings used exclusively as stores or for office purposes, and having at least two stairways from the ground floor each three or more feet wide and separated from each other by a distance of at least thirty feet, from one of which stairways shall be easy access to the roof, to provide and cause to be erected and affixed thereto a sufficient number of the aforesaid fire escapes, the location and number of the same to be determined by the said Commissioners, and to keep the hallways and stairways in every such building as is used and occupied at night properly lighted, to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, from sunset to sunrise."

Buildings excepted.
Stairways with fire escapes.
*Ante*, p. 70, amended.

Amend section three so as to read:

Guides, signs, etc., for fire escapes.
*Ante*, p. 70, amended.

"SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the owner entitled to the beneficial use, rental, or control of any building used or intended to be used as set forth in section one of this Act, or any building in which ten or more persons are employed, as set forth in section two of this Act where fire escapes are required, also to provide, install, and maintain therein proper and sufficient guide signs, guide lights, exit lights, hall and stairway lights, fire hose, and fire extinguishers in such location and numbers and of such type and character as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may determine."

Add to section five the following:

Certain fireproof buildings exempt.
Automatic iron shutters, etc.
*Ante*, p. 71, amended.

"That such buildings as are used solely for office buildings above the second floor and defined under the building regulations of the District of Columbia to be fireproof are exempted from the requirements of this Act as to fire escapes, guide signs, and alarm gongs; but when the face of a wall of any such fireproof building is within thirty feet of a combustible building or structure, or when the side or sides, front or rear of such building or structure faces within thirty feet of a combustible building, or contains a light or air shaft or similar recess within thirty feet of a combustible building, then each and every window or opening in said wall or walls shall be protected from fire by automatic iron shutters or wire glass in fireproof sash and frames."

Owner responsible. *Ante*, p. 72, amended.

Amend section eleven by striking out the words "lessee, occupant, or person having possession, charge," in the proviso of said section, and substitute in lieu thereof "entitled to the beneficial use, rental."

Amend section thirteen so as to read:

Repeal.

"SEC. 13. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby, repealed."

Approved, March 2, 1907.

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March 2, 1907. [H. R. 19751.]

[Public, No. 226.]

**CHAP. 2567.**—An Act To authorize the Natchez Electric Street Railway and Power Company to construct and operate an electric railway along the national cemetery roadway at Natchez, Mississippi.

Natchez, Miss. Natchez Electric Street Railway and Power Company granted right of way along national cemetery roadway at.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That permission is hereby given to the Natchez Electric Street Railway and Power Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, their associates, successors, heirs, and assigns, to erect, construct, operate, and maintain an electric railway over and along the national cemetery road at Natchez, Mississippi, from said city of Natchez northward to the northern boundary of the Government right of way for said road:

*Provisos.* Requirements.

*Provided*, That a minimum width of thirty feet of the roadway over and above that used by the railway tracks be left all along the said road for a driveway, sidewalks, and gutters; that the licensees, their associates, successors, heirs, and assigns shall repair all damage done to the Government roadway by the construction of their line of railway and shall maintain their railway and so much of said roadway as shall be occupied by said railway, including the space between said railway tracks and a strip two feet wide along the outside of said railway tracks on each side thereof, in a proper state of repair thereafter:

Revocable license.

*And provided further*, That said electric railway shall be constructed, operated, and maintained under a revocable license to be issued by the

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Secretary of War and according to plans and specifications to be submitted to and approved by the Secretary of War and under such regulations as may be prescribed by him.

Approved, March 2, 1907.

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[Public, No. 227.]

**CHAP. 2568.**—An Act For the relief of homestead entrymen who have paid more than the lawful purchase money.

Public lands. Homestead entrymen to be refunded overpayments.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in all cases in which homestead entrymen upon final proof or commutation shall have been required to pay more than the lawful purchase money for their lands, the Secretary of the Interior shall cause the excess to be repaid to the entryman or to his heirs or assigns.

Approved, March 2, 1907.

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[Public, No. 228.]

**CHAP. 2569.**—An Act Prohibiting the purchase or procurement, sale, gift, or disposition, of intoxicating liquors to or for the use of minors by unlicensed persons.

District of Columbia. Intoxicating liquors. Sale, etc., to minors by unlicensed persons, prohibited.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That it shall be unlawful for any person not having a license in any manner to purchase or procure for, sell, give, or dispose of to, or aid or assist in any manner in such purchase or procurement for, sale, gift, or disposition for the use of