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Auxiliary power supply, etc.

capable of transmitting and receiving messages over a distance of at least one hundred miles, day or night. An auxiliary power supply, independent of the vessel's main electric power plant, must be provided which will enable the sending set for at least four hours to send messages over a distance of at least one hundred miles, day or night, and efficient communication between the operator in the radio room and the bridge shall be maintained at all times.

Operators on duty.

"The radio equipment must be in charge of two or more persons skilled in the use of such apparatus, one or the other of whom shall be on duty at all times while the vessel is being navigated.

Control of master.

Such equipment, operators, the regulation of their watches, and the transmission and receipt of messages, except as may be regulated by law or international agreement, shall be under the control of the master, in the case of a vessel of the United States; and every willful failure on the part of the master to enforce at sea the provisions of this paragraph as to equipment, operators, and watches shall subject him to a penalty of one hundred dollars.

Penalty for non-enforcement.

Steamers excepted.

"That the provisions of this section shall not apply to steamers plying between ports, or places, less than two hundred miles apart."

In effect, on Great Lakes.

SEC. 2. That this Act, so far as it relates to the Great Lakes, shall take effect on and after April first, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and so far as it relates to ocean cargo steamers shall take effect on and after July first, nineteen hundred and thirteen: *Provided*, That on cargo steamers, in lieu of the second operator provided for in this Act, there may be substituted a member of the crew or other person who shall be duly certified and entered in the ship's log as competent to receive and understand distress calls or other usual calls indicating danger, and to aid in maintaining a constant wireless watch so far as required for the safety of life.

Cargo steamers.

Proviso.
Substitute for second operator on cargo steamers.

Approved, July 23, 1912.

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CHAP. 251.—An Act Relating to partial assignments of desert-land entries within reclamation projects made since March twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and eight.

Public lands.
Assignment of desert-land entries within reclamation projects.
Vol. 35, p. 52.
Vol. 34, p. 520.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a desert-land entry within the exterior limits of a Government reclamation project may be assigned in whole or in part under the Act of March twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and eight (Thirty-fifth Statutes at Large, page fifty-two), and the benefits and limitations of the Act of June twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and six (Thirty-fourth Statutes at Large, page five hundred and twenty), shall apply to such desert-land entryman and his assignees: *Provided*, That all such assignments shall conform to and be in accordance with farm units to be established by the Secretary of the Interior upon the application of the desert-land entryman. All such assignments heretofore made in good faith shall be recognized under this Act.

Proviso.
To conform to farm units.

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July 25, 1912.
[S. 4745.]
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CHAP. 252.—An Act To consolidate certain forest lands in the Paulina (Oregon) National Forest.

Paulina National Forest, Oreg.
Exchange of lands on, with private owners.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, for the purpose of consolidating the forest lands belonging to the United States within the Paulina (Oregon) National Forest, be, and he hereby is, authorized and empowered, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture, to exchange lands belonging to the United States which are part of the Paulina (Oregon)