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Substitution.

SEC. 2. That to insure the continuance of this work during such time as may be desirable, the President may have the power of substitution in the case of the termination of the detail of any officer or enlisted man for any cause: *Provided*, That during the continuance of such details the officers and enlisted men shall continue to receive the pay and allowances of their ranks or ratings in the Navy or Marine Corps.

Proviso.
Service pay, etc., continued.

Marine Corps.
Increase authorized.

SEC. 3. That the following increase in the United States Marine Corps be, and the same is hereby, authorized: Two majors, twelve captains, eighteen first lieutenants, two assistant quartermasters with the rank of captain, one assistant paymaster with the rank of captain, five quartermaster sergeants, five first sergeants, five gunnery sergeants, and eleven sergeants.

Navy.
Medical force increased.

SEC. 4. That the following increase in the United States Navy be, and the same is hereby, authorized: One surgeon, two passed assistant surgeons, five hospital stewards, and ten hospital apprentices, first class.

Longevity, etc., not affected by detail in Haiti.

SEC. 5. That officers and enlisted men of the Navy and Marine Corps detailed for duty to assist the Republic of Haiti shall be entitled to the same credit for such service, for longevity, retirement, foreign service, pay, and for all other purposes, that they would receive if they were serving with the Navy or with the Marine Corps.

Approved, June 12, 1916.

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[Public, No. 89.]

CHAP. 141.—An Act To amend section fourteen of the seamen's Act of March fourth, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section fourteen of the seamen's Act of March fourth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, be amended by striking out subdivisions third and fourth of subsection headed "Life jackets and life buoys," regarding the number of life buoys with which steamers navigating the ocean, or any lake, bay, or sound of the United States shall be equipped, and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

Merchant seamen.
Life saving regulations amended.
Vol. 38, p. 1183, amended.

Life buoys.

"Third. The minimum number of life buoys with which vessels are to be provided is fixed as follows:

Number modified, luminous added.

"Vessels under one hundred feet in length, minimum number of buoys, two; vessels one hundred feet and less than two hundred feet in length, minimum number of buoys, four, of which two shall be luminous; vessels two hundred feet and less than three hundred feet in length, minimum number of buoys, six, of which two shall be luminous; vessels three hundred feet and less than four hundred feet in length, minimum number of buoys, twelve, of which four shall be luminous; vessels four hundred feet and less than six hundred feet in length, minimum number of buoys, eighteen, of which nine shall be luminous; vessels six hundred feet and less than eight hundred feet in length, minimum number of buoys, twenty-four, of which twelve shall be luminous; vessels eight hundred feet and over in length, minimum number of buoys, thirty, of which fifteen shall be luminous.

Attachments, etc.

"Fourth. All the buoys shall be fitted with beckets securely seized. Where two buoys only are carried, one shall be fitted with a life line at least fifteen fathoms in length, and where more than two buoys are carried, at least one buoy on each side shall be fitted with a life line of at least fifteen fathoms in length. The lights shall be efficient self-igniting lights which can not be extinguished in water and they shall be kept near the buoys to which they belong, with the necessary means of attachment."

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