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required to do duty to exceed nine hours of any twenty-four while in port, including the date of arrival, or more than twelve hours of any twenty-four at sea, except in a case of emergency when life or property is endangered. Any violation of this section shall subject the person or persons guilty thereof to a penalty of $100.

Penalty for violations.

Conflicting laws repealed.

SEC. 4. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, May 11, 1918.

May 14, 1918.
[S. 3402.]

[Public, No. 148.]

CHAP. 73.—An Act To fix the age limits for candidates for admission to the United States Naval Academy.

Naval Academy.
Age of admission to, modified.
R. S., sec. 1517, p. 261, amended.
Proviso.
Not applicable to current year.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter all candidates for admission to the Naval Academy must be not less than sixteen years of age nor more than twenty years of age on April first of the calendar year in which they enter the academy: *Provided*, That the foregoing shall not apply to candidates for midshipmen designated for entrance to the academy in nineteen hundred and eighteen.

Approved, May 14, 1918.

May 16, 1918.
[H. R. 10265.]

[Public, No. 149.]

CHAP. 74.—An Act To authorize the President to provide housing for war needs.

Housing for war needs.
President to provide houses, etc., for workers and their families during the war.
Employees in District of Columbia.
Powers conferred.
Purchase, condemnation, etc., of houses, local transportation, etc.
Lands, buildings thereon, etc.
Provisos.
Restriction as to colleges, private furnishings, etc.
Occupied dwellings. Contracts for.
Existing limitations on contracts with the Government not applicable.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President, for the purposes of providing housing, local transportation and other general community utilities for such industrial workers as are engaged in arsenals and navy yards of the United States and in industries connected with and essential to the national defense, and their families, and also employees of the United States whose duties require them to reside in the District of Columbia, and whose services are essential to war needs, and their families, only during the continuation of the existing war, is hereby authorized and empowered, within the limits of the amounts herein authorized—

(a) To purchase, acquire by lease, construct, requisition, or acquire by condemnation or by gift such houses, buildings, furnishings, improvements, local transportation and other general community utilities and parts thereof as he may determine to be necessary for the proper conduct of the existing war.

(b) To purchase, lease, requisition, or acquire by condemnation or by gift any improved or unimproved land, or any right, title, or interest therein on which such houses, buildings, improvements, local transportation and other general community utilities and parts thereof have been or may be constructed: *Provided*, That colleges, museums, libraries, State or municipal buildings, and the furnishings in private dwellings shall not be acquired except by contract, nor shall any occupied dwelling or place of abode be taken under the powers in this Act given except by contract unless the necessity thereof shall be determined by a judge of the circuit or district court of the United States exercising jurisdiction in the locality on petition setting forth the reason and necessity for such taking; the hearing on such petition shall be upon notice to the owner and occupant of such dwelling, and the determination of such judge shall be final, but in no event shall any occupied private dwelling house be taken except by contract unless such dwelling be upon lands desired for the construction of a Government structure: *Provided further*, That no existing limitation upon the right of any person to make a contract with the United States shall apply to owners whose property