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rate of tolls on laden vessels shall not exceed $1, nor be less than $0.75 per net vessel-ton as determined under the aforesaid rules, and on vessels in ballast without passengers or cargo the rate may be less than the rate of tolls for vessels with passengers or cargo. In addition to the tolls based on measurement or displacement tonnage, tolls may be levied on passengers at rates not to exceed $1.50 for each passenger. The levy of tolls is subject to the provisions of article XIX of the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Panama, entered into November 18, 1903, and of article I of the treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Colombia proclaimed March 30, 1922."

Rates.

Passenger tolls.

33 Stat. 2239; 42 Stat. 2122.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect and be enforced on and after March 1, 1938.

Effective date.

Approved, August 24, 1937.

[CHAPTER 753]

AN ACT

August 24, 1937
[S. 1226]
[Public, No. 351]

To amend the Act of May 3, 1935, relating to the promotion of safety on the highways of the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 3 and 9 of the Act entitled "An Act to promote safety on the public highways of the District of Columbia by providing for the financial responsibility of owners and operators of motor vehicles for damages caused by motor vehicles on the public highways in the District of Columbia; to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this Act, and for other purposes", approved May 3, 1935, are amended by striking out the phrase "in excess of $100" where it appears in such sections.

District of Columbia.
Financial responsibility, motor-vehicle operators.
49 Stat. 167, 171.
Suspension of permit and registration certificate; minimum amount of judgment eliminated.

SEC. 2. Section 4 of such Act is amended by striking out the phrase "over $100 in amount".

Bonds; damage judgment, amount repealed.
49 Stat. 169.

Approved, August 24, 1937.

[CHAPTER 754]

AN ACT

August 24, 1937
[H. R. 2260]
[Public, No. 352]

To provide for intervention by the United States, direct appeals to the Supreme Court of the United States, and regulation of the issuance of injunctions, in certain cases involving the constitutionality of Acts of Congress, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the constitutionality of any Act of Congress affecting the public interest is drawn in question in any court of the United States in any suit or proceeding to which the United States, or any agency thereof, or any officer or employee thereof, as such officer or employee, is not a party, the court having jurisdiction of the suit or proceeding shall certify such fact to the Attorney General. In any such case the court shall permit the United States to intervene and become a party for presentation of evidence (if evidence is otherwise receivable in such suit or proceeding) and argument upon the question of the constitutionality of such Act. In any such suit or proceeding the United States shall, subject to the applicable provisions of law, have all the rights of a party and the liabilities of a party as to court costs to the extent necessary for a proper presentation of the facts and law relating to the constitutionality of such Act.

United States courts.
Intervention by United States in suits where constitutionality of Act of Congress drawn in question.

Rights and liabilities.