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[CHAPTER 296]

AN ACT

May 31, 1938
[H. R. 7711]
[Public, No. 561]

To amend the Act approved June 19, 1934, entitled the "Communications Act of 1934."

Communications Act of 1934, amendment.
48 Stat. 1070.
47 U. S. C. § 201.
Common carriers.
Furnishing reports of positions of ships at sea to newspapers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 201 (b) of the Act of June 19, 1934, entitled the "Communications Act of 1934" is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following: "*Provided further*, That nothing in this Act or in any other provision of law shall prevent a common carrier subject to this Act from furnishing reports of positions of ships at sea to newspapers of general circulation, either at a nominal charge or without charge, provided the name of such common carrier is displayed along with such ship position reports. The Commission may prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary in the public interest to carry out the provisions of this Act."

Approved, May 31, 1938.

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AN ACT

May 31, 1938
[H. R. 7778]
[Public, No. 562]

To amend section 26, title I, chapter 1, of the Act entitled "An Act making further provision for a civil government for Alaska, and for other purposes", approved June 6, 1900.

Alaska civil government.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 26, title I, chapter 1, of the Act entitled "An Act making further provision for a civil government for Alaska, and for other purposes", approved June 6, 1900 (31 Stat. 321), is amended to read as follows:

31 Stat. 329.
48 U. S. C. § 381.
Mining laws.

"SEC. 26. The laws of the United States relating to mining claims, mineral locations, and rights incident thereto are hereby extended to the Territory of Alaska: *Provided*, That, subject only to the laws enacted by Congress for the protection and preservation of the navigable waters of the United States, all land and shoal water between low and mean high tide on the shores, bays, and inlets of Alaska, within the jurisdiction of the United States, shall be subject to exploration and mining for gold and other precious metals by citizens of the United States, or persons who have legally declared their intentions to become such, under such reasonable rules and regulations as the miners in organized mining districts may have heretofore made or may hereafter make governing the temporary possession thereof for exploration and mining purposes until otherwise provided by law: *Provided further*, That the rules and regulations established by the miners shall not be in conflict with the mining laws of the United States; and no exclusive permit shall be granted by the Secretary of the Interior authorizing any person or persons, corporation or company, to excavate or mine under any of said waters below low tide, and if such exclusive permit has been granted it is hereby revoked and declared null and void; but citizens of the United States or persons who have legally declared their intention to become such shall have the right to dredge and mine for gold or other precious metals in said waters, below low tide, subject to such general rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe for the preservation of order; such rules and regulations shall not, however, deprive miners on the beach of the right hereby given to dump tailings into or pump from the sea opposite their claims, except where such dumping would actually obstruct naviga-

Provisos.
Gold, etc., explorations, land and shoal water on shores, etc.

Miners' regulations.

Not to conflict with Federal laws.

Restriction.

Right of citizens to dredge, etc.