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[CHAPTER 151]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of March 2, 1929 (45 Stat. 1492), entitled "An Act to establish load lines for American vessels, and for other purposes."

May 26, 1939
[S. 1583]
[Public, No. 92]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act of March 2, 1929 (45 Stat. 1492; U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 85), entitled "An Act to establish load lines for American vessels, and for other purposes", is amended to read as follows:

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45 Stat. 1492.
46 U. S. C. § 85.

"Load lines are hereby established for the following vessels:

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"(a) Merchant vessels of one hundred and fifty gross tons or over, loading at or proceeding to sea from any port or place within the United States or its possessions for a foreign voyage by sea, the Great Lakes excepted.

Merchant vessels loading at or proceeding to sea from ports within United States.

"(b) Merchant vessels of the United States of one hundred and fifty gross tons or over, loading at or proceeding to sea from any foreign port or place for a voyage by sea, the Great Lakes excepted.

American vessels at foreign ports.

"(c) This Act shall not apply to merchant vessels that are being towed and which are carrying neither cargo nor passengers."

Vessels being towed carrying neither cargo nor passengers.

SEC. 2. That section 8 (c) of the Act of March 2, 1929 (45 Stat. 1494; U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 85g (c)), is amended to read as follows:

45 Stat. 1494.
46 U. S. C. § 85g (c).

"If any person shall knowingly permit or cause or attempt to cause any vessel subject to this Act and to the regulations established thereunder to depart, or if, being the owner, manager, agent, or master of such vessel, he shall fail to take reasonable care to prevent her from departing from her loading port or place when loading in violation of section 4, or if any person shall knowingly permit or cause or attempt to cause a foreign vessel exempted pursuant to section 5 to depart, or if, being the owner, manager, agent, or master of such vessel, he shall fail to take reasonable care to prevent her from departing from her loading port or place when loaded more deeply than permitted by the laws and regulations of the country to which she belongs, he shall, in respect of each offense, be liable to the United States in a penalty of $500. The Secretary of Commerce may, in his discretion, remit or mitigate any penalty imposed under this paragraph."

Penalties for violations, etc.

Remission or mitigation of penalty.

Approved, May 26, 1939.

[CHAPTER 152]

AN ACT

To authorize the transfer to the State of Minnesota of the Fort Snelling Bridge at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

May 26, 1939
[H. R. 1774]
[Public, No. 93]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to quitclaim to the State of Minnesota the right, title, and interest of the United States in the Fort Snelling Bridge across the Mississippi River at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and the site of the bridge, approach, and abutment thereof in the county of Ramsey, acquired by the United States by decree of the United States district court dated May 23, 1908, recorded in the office of register of deeds for Ramsey County, Minnesota, in book 541 of deeds at page 193, including that certain easement on and across the right-of-way of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company in Hennepin County, acquired by decree dated October 6, 1909, recorded in the office of register of deeds for Hennepin County, Minnesota, in book 123 of miscellany, page 573, and an easement in lands forming the site of the abutment and bridge end on the Fort Snelling Military Reservation for so long as the bridge as now located, or as may be rebuilt or replaced with a new

Fort Snelling Bridge.
Transfer of Federal title, etc., to State of Minnesota authorized.

Easements included.