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[CHAPTER 471]

AN ACT

Providing for the security of United States naval vessels, and for other purposes.

November 15, 1941
[H. R. 5463]
[Public Law 292]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in addition to those duties now imposed by law on the Coast Guard by virtue of the Acts of March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1053; 33 U. S. C. 471), June 15, 1917 (40 Stat. 220; 50 U. S. C. 191), and June 22, 1936 (49 Stat. 1820; U. S. C., Supp. V, title 14, sec. 45), it shall be the duty of the captain of the port, Coast Guard district commander, or other officer of the Coast Guard designated by the Commandant thereof, or the Governor of the Panama Canal in the case of the territory and waters of the Canal Zone, to so control the anchorage and movement of any vessel, foreign or domestic, in the territorial waters of the United States, as to insure the safety or security of such United States naval vessels as may be present in his jurisdiction: *Provided*, That in territorial waters of the United States where immediate action is required, or where representatives of the Coast Guard are not present, or not present in sufficient force to exercise effective control of shipping as provided herein, the senior naval officer present in command of any naval force may control the anchorage or movement of any vessel, foreign or domestic, to the extent deemed necessary to insure the safety and security of his command.

Control of shipping in U. S. territorial waters.

14 U. S. C. § 45.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. When the Coast Guard operates as a part of the Navy pursuant to section 1 of the Act of January 28, 1915 (38 Stat. 800; U. S. C., title 14, sec. 1), as amended, the powers conferred on the Secretary of the Treasury by section 1, title II, of the Act of June 15, 1917 (40 Stat. 220; U. S. C., title 50, sec. 191), shall vest in and be exercised by the Secretary of the Navy.

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SEC. 3. Section 2, title II, Act of June 15, 1917 (40 Stat. 220; U. S. C., title 50, sec. 192), is hereby amended by striking therefrom the words "by the Secretary of the Treasury or the Governor of the Panama Canal".

Amendment.

SEC. 4. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the authority conferred upon the Governor of The Panama Canal by the second paragraph of section 1, title II, Act of June 15, 1917 (40 Stat. 220; U. S. C., title 50, sec. 191), notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 of this Act; nor shall anything in this Act be construed as affecting the powers and authority conferred by section 8 of title 2, Canal Zone Code, June 19, 1934 (37 Stat. 569, U. S. C., title 48, sec. 1306).

Control in Canal Zone waters.

Approved, November 15, 1941.

[CHAPTER 472]

AN ACT

To amend the Criminal Code in respect to fires on the public domain or Indian lands or on certain lands owned or leased by, or under the partial, concurrent, or exclusive jurisdiction of the United States.

November 15, 1941
[S. 633]
[Public Law 293]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 52 of the Criminal Code (Act of March 4, 1909, sec. 52; 35 Stat. 1098, United States Code, title 18, sec. 106) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Criminal Code, amendments.

"SEC. 52. Whoever shall willfully and without authority so to do set on fire or cause to be set on fire any timber, underbrush, or grass or other inflammable material upon the public domain or upon any lands owned or leased by or under the partial, concurrent, or exclusive jurisdiction of the United States which are included in a park, forest, monument, historical park, military park, battlefield site,

Setting fire to timber, etc., on designated lands.