

Public Law 134

CHAPTER 280

AN ACT

July 7, 1955
[S. 391]

To provide for the bonding of certain officers and employees of the government of the District of Columbia, for the payment of the premiums on such bonds by the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the last paragraph of section 2 of the Act approved June 11, 1878 (20 Stat. 103, ch. 180), entitled "An Act providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia", as added by the first section of the Act approved June 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 430), as precedes the proviso in said last paragraph, is amended to read as follows:

D. C. bonding of officers and employees.

D. C. Code 1-102 note.

"The said Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to determine which officers and employees of the District of Columbia, or which positions occupied or to be occupied by such officers and employees, shall hereafter be bonded for the faithful discharge of the duties of such officers and employees or of such positions, and to fix the penalty or penalties of any such bond;".

SEC. 2. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to obtain blanket, position schedule, or other type of surety bond covering their civilian officers and employees required by law or administrative ruling to be bonded. Each bond shall be of the most suitable type available for the number and type of personnel required to be bonded, and shall be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of the persons so bonded, and the term "faithful performance of the duties" shall be deemed to include the proper accounting for all moneys or property received by virtue of the bonded persons' positions or employment and all responsibilities and accountabilities imposed by statute or regulation issued pursuant thereto. The bond premium may cover a period not exceeding three years and may be paid in advance from funds available for administrative expenses when the contract is made or continued. If the initial or subsequent premium cost exceeds \$500 for any bond procured under authority of this section, advertisement for bids shall be required therefor and procurement shall be made from the responsible bidder whose bid, conforming to the invitation for bids, will be most advantageous to the District of Columbia, price and other factors considered.

SEC. 3. Whenever any officer or employee of the District of Columbia, as a prerequisite to entering upon the duties of his office or employment, or as a condition to his holding such office or employment is required by any provision of law or regulation to execute or furnish bond, notwithstanding such provision of law, if any bond obtained by the Commissioners pursuant to the authority contained in this Act covers such officer or employee, or covers the position of such officer or employee, in the amount and for such period as may be prescribed by such provision of law, such bond obtained by the Commissioners shall be in lieu of the bond required to be executed or furnished by such officer or employee.

SEC. 4. Subsection (a) of section 305 of the District of Columbia Law Enforcement Act of 1953, approved June 29, 1953 (67 Stat. 90, 101), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence: "The premium on any such bond may cover periods not exceeding three years and may be paid in advance."

Metropolitan Police.
D.C. Code 4-186.

SEC. 5. Section 561 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended (31 Stat. 1189, 1279; sec. 1-504, D. C. Code, 1951 edition) is amended by adding at the end of said section the following sentence: "Where any such notary public is an officer or employee of the

Notary public.

Government of the District of Columbia whose notarial duties are confined solely to government official business, any bond covering such officer or employee for the faithful performance of such notarial duties obtained by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia pursuant to the authority conferred on them by law shall be in lieu of the bond required by the first sentence of this section."

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Public Law 135

CHAPTER 281

AN ACT

To increase criminal penalties under the Sherman Antitrust Act.

July 7, 1955
[H. R. 3659]

26 Stat. 209.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Act of July 2, 1890 (15 U. S. C. 1 ff.), as amended, are hereby further amended by striking out in each section where it appears, the phrase "fine not exceeding five thousand dollars" or the phrase "fine not exceeding \$5,000" and substituting in lieu thereof in each case the phrase "fine not exceeding fifty thousand dollars".

Approved July 7, 1955.

Public Law 136

CHAPTER 282

AN ACT

To amend section 4004, title 18, United States Code, relating to administering oaths and taking acknowledgments by officials of Federal penal and correctional institutions.

July 7, 1955
[H. R. 4221]

62 Stat. 848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4004, title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 4004. Oaths and acknowledgments

"The wardens and superintendents, associate wardens and superintendents, chief clerks, record clerks, and parole officers, of Federal penal or correctional institutions, may administer oaths to and take acknowledgments of officers, employees, and inmates of such institutions, but shall not demand or accept any fee or compensation therefor."

Approved July 7, 1955.

Public Law 137

CHAPTER 283

AN ACT

To amend the Clayton Act by granting a right of action to the United States to recover damages under the antitrust laws, establishing a uniform statute of limitations, and for other purposes.

July 7, 1955
[H. R. 4954]

Clayton Act,
amendments.

15 USC 12 *et seq.*

Suit by U. S. for
damages.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes", approved October 15, 1914 (38 Stat. 730), as amended, is amended by inserting at the end of section 4 the following new sections:

"SEC. 4A. Whenever the United States is hereafter injured in its business or property by reason of anything forbidden in the antitrust