"(1) a statement setting forth the distinguished service and recommending official recognition of it was made and supported by sufficient evidence within two years after the distinguished service; and

"(2) no award was made, because the statement was lost or through inadvertence the recommendation was not acted on;

a medal of honor, distinguished-service cross, distinguished-service medal, or device in place thereof, as the case may be, may be awarded to the person concerned within two years after the date of that determination."

Approved July 5, 1960.

Public Law 86-583

AN ACT

July 5, 1960
[S. 3189]

To further amend the shipping laws to prohibit operation in the coastwise trade of a rebuilt vessel unless the entire rebuilding is effected within the United States, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second proviso of section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, as amended (U.S.C., 1958 edition, title 46, sec. 883), is amended to read as follows: "*Provided further*, That no vessel of more than five hundred gross tons which has acquired the lawful right to engage in the coastwise trade, by virtue of having been built in or documented under the laws of the United States, and which has later been rebuilt, shall have the right thereafter to engage in the coastwise trade, unless the entire rebuilding, including the construction of any major components of the hull or superstructure of the vessel, is effected within the United States, its Territories (not including trust territories), or its possessions:"

Rebuilt vessels in coastwise trade.

70 Stat. 544.

SEC. 2. The first sentence of section 2 of the Act of July 14, 1956 (U.S.C. 1958 edition, title 46, sec. 883a) is amended to read: "If any vessel of more than five hundred gross tons documented under the laws of the United States, or last documented under such laws, is rebuilt, and any part of the rebuilding, including the construction of major components of the hull and superstructure of the vessel, is not effected within the United States, its Territories (not including trust territories) or its possessions, a report of the circumstances of such rebuilding shall be made to the Secretary of the Treasury, upon the first arrival of the vessel thereafter at a port within the customs territory of the United States, if rebuilt outside the United States, its Territories (not including trust territories), or its possessions, or, in any other case, upon completion of the rebuilding, in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe."

70 Stat. 544.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Regulations.

SEC. 4. This Act shall be effective from the time of enactment hereof: *Provided, however*, That no vessel shall be deemed to have lost its coastwise privileges as a result of the amendments made by this Act if it is rebuilt within the United States, its Territories (not including trust territories), or its possessions under a contract executed before such date of enactment and if the work of rebuilding is commenced not later than twenty-four months after such date of enactment.

Effective date.

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