Public Law 87-254

September 19, 1961
[S. 1368]

AN ACT

To amend the Shipping Act, 1916, to provide for licensing independent ocean freight forwarders, and for other purposes.

Shipping Act, 1916, amendment.
Ocean freight forwarders.
39 Stat. 728.
Definitions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Shipping Act, 1916 (46 U.S.C. 801), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraphs:

"The term 'carrying on the business of forwarding' means the dispatching of shipments by any person on behalf of others, by ocean-going common carriers in commerce from the United States, its Territories, or possessions to foreign countries, or between the United States and its Territories or possessions, or between such Territories and possessions, and handling the formalities incident to such shipments.

"An 'independent ocean freight forwarder' is a person carrying on the business of forwarding for a consideration who is not a shipper or consignee or a seller or purchaser of shipments to foreign countries, nor has any beneficial interest therein, nor directly or indirectly controls or is controlled by such shipper or consignee or by any person having such a beneficial interest."

40 Stat. 903.
46 USC 842.

SEC. 2. The Shipping Act, 1916, is further amended by redesignating section 44 as section 45, and inserting immediately after section 43 the following new section:

Licenses.

"SEC. 44. (a) No person shall engage in carrying on the business of forwarding as defined in this Act unless such person holds a license issued by the Federal Maritime Commission to engage in such business: *Provided, however*, That a person whose primary business is the sale of merchandise may dispatch shipments of such merchandise without a license.

Issuance.

"(b) A forwarder's license shall be issued to any qualified applicant therefor if it is found by the Commission that the applicant is, or will be, an independent ocean freight forwarder as defined in this Act and is fit, willing, and able properly to carry on the business of forwarding and to conform to the provisions of this Act and the requirements, rules, and regulations of the Commission issued thereunder, and that the proposed forwarding business is, or will be, consistent with the national maritime policies declared in the Merchant Marine Act, 1936; otherwise such application shall be denied. Any independent ocean freight forwarder who, on the effective date of this Act, is carrying on the business of forwarding under a registration number issued by the Commission may continue such business for a period of one hundred and twenty days thereafter without a license, and if application for such license is made within such period, such forwarder may, under such regulations as the Commission shall prescribe, continue such business until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

49 Stat. 1985.
46 USC 1245.

Conditions.

"(c) The Commission shall prescribe reasonable rules and regulations to be observed by independent ocean freight forwarders and no such license shall be issued or remain in force unless such forwarder shall have furnished a bond or other security approved by the Commission in such form and amount as in the opinion of the Commission will insure financial responsibility and the supply of the services in accordance with contracts, agreements, or arrangements therefor.

"(d) Licenses shall be effective from the date specified therein, and shall remain in effect until suspended or terminated as herein provided. Any such license may, upon application of the holder thereof, in the discretion of the Commission, be amended or revoked, in whole or in

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part, or may upon complaint, or on the Commission's own initiative, after notice and hearing, be suspended or revoked for willful failure to comply with any provision of this Act, or with any lawful order, rule, or regulation of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

Compensation of licensees.

"(e) A common carrier by water may compensate a person carrying on the business of forwarding to the extent of the value rendered such carrier in connection with any shipment dispatched on behalf of others when, and only when, such person is licensed hereunder and has performed with respect to such shipment the solicitation and securing of the cargo for the ship or the booking of, or otherwise arranging for space for, such cargo, and at least two of the following services:

"(1) The coordination of the movement of the cargo to shipside;

"(2) The preparation and processing of the ocean bill of lading;

"(3) The preparation and processing of dock receipts or delivery orders;

"(4) The preparation and processing of consular documents or export declarations;

"(5) The payment of the ocean freight charges on such shipments:

Separate compensation.

Provided, however, That where a common carrier by water has paid, or has incurred an obligation to pay, either to an ocean freight broker or freight forwarder, separate compensation for the solicitation or securing of cargo for the ship or the booking of, or otherwise arranging for space for, such cargo, then such carrier shall not be obligated to pay additional compensation for any other forwarding services rendered on the same cargo. Before any such compensation is paid to or received by any person carrying on the business of forwarding, such person shall, if he is qualified under the provisions of this paragraph to receive such compensation, certify in writing to the common carrier by water by which the shipment was dispatched that he is licensed by the Federal Maritime Commission as an independent ocean freight forwarder and that he performed the above specified services with respect to such shipment. Such carrier shall be entitled to rely on such certification unless it knows that the certification is incorrect."

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AN ACT

September 20, 1961
[H. R. 8102]

To amend the Federal Airport Act so as to extend the time for making grants under the provisions of such Act, and for other purposes.

Federal Airport Act, amendment.
69 Stat. 441.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Federal Airport Act (49 U.S.C. 1103) is amended by inserting "(a)" immediately after "SEC. 4." and by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"Announcement of Program

"(b) It shall be the duty of the Administrator to make public by January 1 of each year the proposed program of airport development intended to be undertaken during the fiscal year next ensuing, and he may revise such program to the extent he finds necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Act."