Federal Maritime Commission. These penalties may be remitted or mitigated by the Federal Maritime Commission upon such terms as they in their discretion shall deem proper.

(d) The Federal Maritime Commission is authorized to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The provisions of the Shipping Act, 1916, shall apply with respect to proceedings conducted by the Commission under this section.

39 Stat. 728.
46 USC 842.

(e) The collector of customs at the port or place of departure from the United States of any vessel described in subsection (a) of this section shall refuse the clearance required by section 4197 of the Revised Statutes (46 U.S.C. 91) to any such vessel which does not have evidence furnished by the Federal Maritime Commission that the provisions of this section have been complied with.

U.S. passenger vessels.
Construction with fire-retardant material.

SEC. 4. Subsection (b) of section 5 of the Act of May 27, 1936 (49 Stat. 1384; 46 U.S.C. 369), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "After November 1, 1968, no passenger vessel of the United States of one hundred gross tons or over, having berth or stateroom accommodations for fifty or more passengers, shall be granted a certificate of inspection by the Coast Guard unless the vessel is constructed of fire-retardant material. The structural fire protection provided on these vessels shall conform to the requirements set forth in regulations for a vessel contracted for on or after May 28, 1936."

Effective dates.

SEC. 5. The new subsection (b) of section 4400 of the Revised Statutes and section 3 of this Act shall become effective one hundred and eighty days after enactment of this Act. The new subsection (c) of section 4400 of the Revised Statutes shall become effective on the date when the recommended amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960, come into force, but in any case not later than November 2, 1968. Section 2 of this Act shall become effective nine months after enactment of this Act. Section 4 of this Act shall become effective on November 2, 1968.

Approved November 6, 1966.

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[S. 3391]

AN ACT

To amend the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended, to authorize exemption from the provisions of the Act.

Shipping Act, 1916, amendment.
39 Stat. 728.

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

"SEC. 35. The Federal Maritime Commission, upon application or on its own motion, may by order or rule exempt for the future any class of agreements between persons subject to this Act or any specified activity of such persons from any requirement of the Shipping Act, 1916, or Intercoastal Shipping Act, 1933, where it finds that such exemption will not substantially impair effective regulation by the Federal Maritime Commission, be unjustly discriminatory, or be detrimental to commerce.

47 Stat. 1425.
46 USC 848.

"The Commission may attach conditions to any such exemptions and may, by order, revoke any such exemption.

"No order or rule of exemption or revocation of exemption shall be issued unless opportunity for hearing has been afforded interested persons."

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