§ 39. Amendment, modification, etc., of rights granted

No right shall accrue to any government, person, or corporation under the terms of sections 34 to 37 of this title that may not be rescinded, changed, modified, or amended by the Congress.

(May 27, 1921, ch. 12, § 6, 42 Stat. 9.)

Codification

Section was not enacted as part of the Submarine Cable Act which comprises this chapter.

CHAPTER 3—RADIOTELEGRAPHERS


Section 51, act Aug. 13, 1912, ch. 287, § 1, 37 Stat. 302, required license for operation of apparatus for radio communication and transmission of radiograms or signals, revocable for cause, described its interstate, foreign and local aspects, excepted the United States from its requirement and provided for special call letters for every Government station and penalties and forfeiture of offending apparatus. See sections 301, 303, 312, 501, and 503 of this title.

Section 52, act Aug. 13, 1912, ch. 287, § 2, 37 Stat. 303, related to form of license, United States citizenship of licensee, and contents of license, including statement of restrictions, ownership, location, purpose, wave length, and hours for work of station, subject to rules and regulations and to closing by the President in time of war, public peril or disaster or Government use or control with payment of just compensation. See sections 307 to 309 of this title.

Section 53, act Aug. 13, 1912, ch. 287, § 3, 37 Stat. 303, required that operators of radio apparatus be licensed, provided for one year period of suspension of license for noncompliance with rules and regulations, declared the employment of unlicensed operators to be unlawful and provided penalty therefor and authorized the issuance of temporary permits in emergencies by collector of customs to operators on a vessel. See sections 308 and 318 of this title.

Section 54, act Aug. 13, 1912, ch. 287, § 4, 37 Stat. 304, subjected private and commercial stations to certain specific regulations, provided for enforcement and waiver of regulations, for grant of special temporary licenses to conduct radio tests and experiments, and prescribed general penalty for violation of regulations and reduction and remittance of such penalty and suspension or revocation of license. The Regulations, numbered First-Nineteenth, related to: (1) normal wave length; (2) other wave lengths; (3) use of a pure wave; (4) use of a sharp wave; (5) use of a standard distress wave; (6) signal of distress; (7) use of broad interfering wave for distress signals (see section 321(a) of this title); (8) distance requirement for distress signals; (9) right of way for distress signals (see section 321(b) of this title); (10) reduced power for ships near a Government station; (11) intercommunication (see section 322 of this title); (12) division of time (see section 322(a) of this title); (13) Government stations to observe divisions of time (see section 322(b) of this title); (14) use of unnecessary power (see section 324 of this title); (15) general restrictions on private stations; (16) special restrictions in the vicinities of Government stations; (17) ship stations to communicate with nearest shore stations; (18) limitations for future installations in vicinities of Government stations; (19) secrecy of messages, and penalty for violations (see sections 301 and 305 of this title). See also sections 502 and 504 of this title.

Section 55, act Aug. 13, 1912, ch. 287, § 5, 37 Stat. 308, required license to prescribe that operator shall not willfully or maliciously interfere with any other radio communications and provided penalty for such violations. See sections 308 and 501 of this title.


Section 57, act of Aug. 13, 1912, ch. 287, § 7, 37 Stat. 308, prohibited uttering or transmitting false or fraudulent signals and prescribed penalty therefor. See sections 325 and 501 of this title.


Section 60, act Aug. 13, 1912, ch. 287, § 10, 37 Stat. 308, declared radiotelegraph provisions to be inapplicable to Philippine Islands. See section 153 of this title.

Section 61, act June 5, 1920, ch. 269, § 1, 41 Stat. 1061, related to use of Government-owned radio stations and apparatus for official business, compass reports, and safety of ships. See section 303 of this title.


Section 63, act June 5, 1920, ch. 269, § 3, 41 Stat. 1061, declared radiotelegraph provisions to be applicable to Government owned stations, except as otherwise provided therein. See section 305 of this title.

CHAPTER 4—RADIO ACT OF 1927

§§ 81 to 83. Repealed. June 19, 1934, ch. 652, § 602(a), 48 Stat. 1102

Section 81, act Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, § 1, 44 Stat. 1162, related to regulation of interstate and foreign radio communications and grant of license. See section 301 of this title.

Section 82, act Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, § 2, 44 Stat. 1162, related to division of United States into five zones.


§§ 83a to 83e. Omitted

Codification

Sections 83a to 83e were omitted in view of abolition of Federal Radio Commission by act June 19, 1934, ch. 652, title VI, § 603, 48 Stat. 1102, which was classified to former section 603 of this title.

Section 83a, act June 30, 1932, ch. 314, § 511, 47 Stat. 417, abolished Radio Division of Department of Commerce and transferred its powers and duties to Federal Radio Commission.


Section 83c, act June 30, 1932, ch. 314, § 513, 47 Stat. 417, provided that orders, rules, regulations, and laws of Radio Division have continuing application until modified, amended or repealed by Federal Radio Commission.


Section 83e, act Mar. 9, 1932, ch. 102, title I, § 1, 48 Stat. 513, related to adjustment of classification or compensation of employees.


Section 86, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 4, 44 Stat. 1165, related to compensation by government for use or control of stations during national emergency. See section 602(c) of this title.

Section 87, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 4, 44 Stat. 1166, related to special call letters for stations and application of former section 81 of this title to foreign ships. See sections 303(c) and 306 of this title.

Section 88, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 4, 44 Stat. 1167, related to application for station license and conditions and restrictions therein. See section 308 of this title.


Section 90, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, § 10, 44 Stat. 1168, related to application for station license and conditions and restrictions therein. See section 308 of this title.

Section 91, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, § 114, 44 Stat. 1167; Mar. 28, 1928, ch. 263, § 1, 45 Stat. 373; Mar. 4, 1929, ch. 701, § 1, 45 Stat. 1559; Dec. 18, 1929, ch. 7, § 1, 46 Stat. 50, related to issuance, renewal or modification of station licenses, hearing, form and terms of license. See section 303(a), (b), (d) of this title.

Section 92, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 12, 44 Stat. 1167, related to restrictions on grants and transfers of station licenses. See section 310 of this title.

Section 93, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 13, 44 Stat. 1167, related to refusal of station license to persons guilty of monopoly and liability to prosecution under laws against monopoly. See section 311 of this title.


Section 95, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 15, 44 Stat. 1168, related to application of laws against monopolies to radio combinations and revocation of licenses. See section 313 of this title.


Section 97, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 17, 44 Stat. 1169, related to control by radio interests of cable, wire, telegraph or telephone system and prohibition thereof. See section 314 of this title.

Section 98, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 18, 44 Stat. 1170, related to use of broadcasting stations by legally qualified candidates and censorship over material for broadcast. See section 315(a) of this title.


Section 104, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 24, 44 Stat. 1171, related to shore stations and ships stations and exchanging radio communications and signals. See section 322 of this title.

Section 105, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 25, 44 Stat. 1172, related to proximity of Government and private or commercial stations causing interference and regulation thereof. See section 323 of this title.

Section 106, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 26, 44 Stat. 1172, related to limit on amount of power used at stations. See section 324 of this title.

Section 107, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 27, 44 Stat. 1172, related to divulging and publishing radio communications. See section 325 of this title.


Section 109, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 29, 44 Stat. 1172, related to censorship over radio communications and signals, protection of free speech and obscene language. See section 326 of this title.

Section 110, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 30, 44 Stat. 1173, related to use of United States owned radio stations and apparatus by Secretary of Navy for transmission of press messages, etc. See section 327 of this title.


Section 112, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 32, 44 Stat. 1173, related to penalties for violation of rules of licensing authority, etc. See section 152 of this title.

Section 113, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 33, 44 Stat. 1173, related to penalties for violation of statutory provisions and perjury. See section 501 of this title and section 1621 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.


Section 115, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 35, 44 Stat. 1174, related to application of section 81 et seq. of this title to Philippine Islands and Canal Zone.


Section 117, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 38, 44 Stat. 1174, related to invalidity of part of chapter and effect as to remainder. See section 608 of this title.


Section 119, acts Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 169, §§ 41, 44 Stat. 1174, related to citation of section 81 et seq. of this title as “Radio Act of 1927.”

§§ 120, 121. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section 120, acts July 5, 1932, ch. 421, § 1, 47 Stat. 756, related to equipment necessary on ocean-going vessels using ports in the Canal Zone.
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