

Corporations.

Attorneys' fees restricted.

the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided further*, That where the contractor was a corporation or quasi corporation which has since been merged in or consolidated with another corporation or quasi corporation, payment shall be made to the corporation or quasi corporation with which the consolidation or merger has been made: *Provided further*, That it shall be unlawful for any agent, attorney, firm of attorneys, or any person engaged heretofore or hereafter in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting said claim to charge or receive more than twenty per centum of the amount herein appropriated in satisfaction of the claim.

Approved, February 14, 1917.

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[H. R. 13831.]

[Public, No. 318.]

CHAP. 63.—An Act To amend section forty-four hundred and sixty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to number of passengers to be stated in certificates of inspection of passenger vessels, and section forty-four hundred and sixty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States, prescribing penalty for carrying excessive number of passengers on passenger vessels, and section forty-four hundred and sixty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to special permits for excursions on passenger steamers.

Steamboat inspection amendments.

Certificates to state number of passengers allowable.

R. S., sec. 4464, p. 864, amended.

Decrease of number.

Report if increase allowed.

Excess passengers.

Penalty for increased number.

R. S., sec. 4465, p. 864, amended.

Punishment for knowingly violating.

Excursion vessels.

Special permit for allowing increased number.

R. S., sec. 4466, p. 864, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-four hundred and sixty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4464. The board of local inspectors shall state in every certificate of inspection granted to vessels carrying passengers, other than ferryboats, the number of passengers of each class that any such vessel has accommodation for and can carry with prudence and safety. They shall report their action to the supervising inspector of the district, who may at any time order the number of such passengers decreased, giving his reasons therefor in writing, and thereupon the board of local inspectors shall change the certificate of inspection of such vessel to conform with the decision of the supervising inspector. Whenever the allowance of passengers shall be increased by any board of local inspectors such increase shall be reported to the supervising inspector of the district, together with the reasons therefor, and such increase shall not become effective until the same has been approved in writing by the supervising inspector."

SEC. 2. That section forty-four hundred and sixty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4465. It shall not be lawful to take on board of any vessel a greater number of passengers than is stated in the certificate of inspection, and for every violation of this provision the master or owner shall be liable to any person suing for the same to forfeit the amount of passage money and \$10 for each passenger beyond the number allowed.

"The master or owner of the vessel, or either or any of them, who shall knowingly violate this provision shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$100 or imprisonment of not more than thirty days, or both."

SEC. 3. That section forty-four hundred and sixty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4466. If any passenger vessel engages in excursions, the board of local inspectors shall issue to such vessel a special permit, in writing, for the occasion, in which shall be stated the additional number of passengers that may be carried and the number and kind

of life-saving appliances that shall be provided for the safety of such additional passengers; and they shall also, in their discretion, limit the route and distance for such excursions: *Provided, however,* That the issuance of such special permit shall be reported by the board of local inspectors to the supervising inspector of the district, and such special permit shall not be effective until approved by the said supervising inspector."

Approved, February 14, 1917.

Proviso.
Approval of supervising inspector.

CHAP. 64.—An Act To punish persons who make threats against the President of the United States.

February 14, 1917.
[H. R. 15314.]

[Public, No. 319.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who knowingly and willfully deposits or causes to be deposited for conveyance in the mail or for delivery from any post office or by any letter carrier any letter, paper, writing, print, missive, or document containing any threat to take the life of or to inflict bodily harm upon the President of the United States, or who knowingly and willfully otherwise makes any such threat against the President, shall upon conviction be fined not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisoned not exceeding five years, or both.

Approved, February 14, 1917.

President of the United States.
Punishment for making threats against, by mail, etc.

CHAP. 69.—An Act Granting to the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, a right of way for a storm-water relief sewer through a portion of the Presidio of San Francisco Military Reservation.

February 15, 1917.
[S. 7713.]

[Public, No. 320.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of the United States is hereby given to the city and county of San Francisco, California, to locate, construct, and maintain a forty-inch concrete storm-water relief sewer over and across Lobos Creek and thence through a portion of the Presidio of San Francisco Military Reservation to a point where it will again reach Lobos Creek and discharge therein, upon such location and plans as the Secretary of War may approve and under such conditions and regulations as he may prescribe.

SEC. 2. That the right to amend, alter, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 15, 1917.

Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.
Right of waythrough, granted for sewer.

Amendment.

CHAP. 70.—An Act To repeal an Act entitled "An Act granting to the city of Twin Falls, Idaho, certain lands for reservoir purposes," approved June seventh, nineteen hundred and twelve, and to revoke the grant made thereby.

February 15, 1917.
[S. 1740.]

[Public, No. 321.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act entitled "An Act granting to the city of Twin Falls, Idaho, certain lands for reservoir purposes," approved June seventh, nineteen hundred and twelve, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and the grant thereby made to the city of Twin Falls, Idaho, for the benefit of said city is hereby revoked and declared of no effect.

Approved, February 15, 1917.

Twin Falls, Idaho.
Grant of land to, revoked.
Vol. 37, p. 130, repealed.