

[CHAPTER 806.]

AN ACT

June 25, 1936.
[S. 4567.]
[Public, No. 798.]

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to extend and renew for the term of ten years a lease to the Chicago, Milwaukee and Saint Paul Railway Company of a tract of land in the United States Department of Agriculture Range Livestock Experiment Station, in the State of Montana, and for a right-of-way to said tract, for the removal of gravel and ballast material, executed under the authority of the Act of Congress approved June 9, 1926.

Range Livestock Experiment Station, Mont.

Lease and right of way in, renewed to Chicago, Milwaukee and Saint Paul Railway Company.

Vol. 44, p. 711.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to extend and renew for a term of ten years that certain lease to the Chicago, Milwaukee and Saint Paul Railway Company, bearing date the 26th day of June 1926, of a tract of land in the United States Department of Agriculture Range Livestock Experiment Station, in the State of Montana, containing an approximate area of two hundred and forty-one and sixty-seven one-hundredths acres, and also a strip of land for a right-of-way to said tract, executed by the Secretary of Agriculture under the authority of the Act of Congress approved June 9, 1926, upon the terms and conditions contained in said lease, or such other terms and conditions as the Secretary of Agriculture may deem proper; said renewal and extension to inure to the benefit of Chicago, Milwaukee, Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad Company (successor of said railway company), its trustees in bankruptcy, and of the corporation succeeding to the ownership of its railroad and property.

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[CHAPTER 807.]

AN ACT

June 25, 1936.
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To promote safety at sea in the neighborhood of ice and derelicts, and for other purposes.

Ice patrol in North Atlantic Ocean.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

International agreements on ice patrol and derelict destruction.

President authorized to conclude, for maintenance of service of ice patrol.

Service of study of ice conditions, etc.

Removal of derelicts.

Provision for payment for services to be included.

Patrol services.

Maintenance during entire ice season.

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON ICE PATROL AND DERELICT DESTRUCTION

SECTION 1. The President is authorized to conclude agreements with interested maritime nations (a) to maintain in the north Atlantic Ocean a service of ice patrol, of study and observation of ice and current conditions, and of assistance to vessels and their crews requiring aid within the limits of the patrol; (b) to maintain a service of study and observation of ice and current conditions in such waters as may affect the set and drift of ice in the north Atlantic Ocean; and (c) to undertake all practicable steps to insure the destruction or removal of derelicts in the northern part of the Atlantic Ocean, east of the line drawn from Cape Sable to a point in latitude thirty-four degrees north, longitude seventy degrees west, if this destruction or removal is necessary. The President is further authorized to include in such agreements a provision for payment to the United States by the countries concerned, of their proportionate share of the expense for maintenance of the services named, or for the United States to contribute its proportionate share should it be agreed that another country was to maintain the patrol.

PATROL SERVICES

SEC. 2. (a) Unless the agreements made in accordance with section 1 provide otherwise, an ice patrol shall be maintained during the whole of the ice season in guarding the southeastern, southern,

and southwestern limits of the region of icebergs in the vicinity of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, and the patrol shall inform trans-Atlantic and other passing vessels by radio and such other means as are available of the ice conditions and the extent of the dangerous region. A service of study of ice and current conditions, a service of affording assistance to vessels and crews requiring aid, and a service of removing and destroying derelicts shall be maintained during the ice season and any or all such services may be maintained during the remainder of the year as may be advisable.

Information, assistance, etc.

(b) The ice patrol vessels shall warn vessels known to be approaching a dangerous area and recommend safe routes.

Warnings, etc.

(c) The ice patrol vessels shall record the name, together with all the facts in the case, of any ship which is observed or known to be on other than a regular recognized or advertised ship route crossing the North Atlantic Ocean, or to have crossed the fishing banks of Newfoundland north of latitude forty-three degrees north during the fishing season, or, when proceeding to and from ports of North America to have passed through regions known or believed to be endangered by ice. The name of any such ship and all pertinent information relating to the incident shall be reported to the government of the country to which the ship belongs, if the government of that country so requests.

Record of ships on other than regular routes, etc.

(d) The Commandant of the Coast Guard, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall administer the services provided for in this section and shall assign thereto such vessels, material, and personnel of the Coast Guard as may be necessary. Any executive department or agency may upon the request of the Secretary of the Treasury detail personnel, loan or contribute material or equipment, or otherwise assist in the carrying out of the services named.

Administration by Coast Guard.

(e) The Commandant of the Coast Guard shall publish each year a report of the activities of the services provided for in this section, a copy of which shall be furnished to each interested foreign government and to each agency assisting in the work.

Annual reports to be published.

NORTH ATLANTIC ROUTES

SEC. 3. (a) The owner, or operating agent, of any passenger vessel of the United States crossing the North Atlantic Ocean shall give public notice, in such manner as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, of the regular routes which he proposes such vessel will follow and of any changes made in a route, and shall require the vessel to follow the published route as far as circumstances will permit. Any passenger vessel of the United States crossing the North Atlantic Ocean shall follow, as far as circumstances will permit, the recognized ship routes; it shall avoid, as far as practicable, the fishing banks of Newfoundland, north of latitude forty-three degrees north during the fishing season; and shall, as far as circumstances will permit, pass outside of the regions reported or known to be endangered by ice.

North Atlantic routes.

Passenger vessels. Notice of regular routes of, to be published.

Observance required.

(b) If the owner, or operating agent, of any such passenger vessel fails to comply with this section, he shall for each offense be liable to a fine not exceeding \$100.

Penalty for violation.

SEC. 4. (a) The master of every vessel of the United States, when ice is reported on or near his course, shall proceed at a moderate speed or alter his course so as to go well clear of the danger zone.

Procedure when ice reported.

(b) If the master of any such ship fails to comply with this section, he shall for each offense be liable to a fine not exceeding \$500.

Penalty for violation.

PUBLICATION

Publication of rules
and regulations.

SEC. 5. All rules and regulations, except such as have no general applicability and legal effect or are effective only against Federal agencies or persons in their capacity as officers, agents, or employees thereof, issued, prescribed, or promulgated pursuant to authority contained herein, shall be forwarded forthwith to the Division of the Federal Register in The National Archives for filing and publishing in the Federal Register.

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[CHAPTER 808.]

AN ACT

June 25, 1936.
[S. 4654.]

[Public, No. 800.]

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to distribute the commissioned line and engineer officers of the Coast Guard in grades, and for other purposes", approved January 12, 1923.

Coast Guard.
Commandant, rank,
etc.
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Rank, etc., when re-
tired.

Rank of Command-
ant after expiration of
term.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to distribute the commissioned line and engineer officers of the Coast Guard in grades, and for other purposes", approved January 12, 1923 (42 Stat. 1130), is hereby amended by striking out the first proviso in that section and inserting the following proviso in lieu thereof: "*Provided*, That any officer who was serving on June 1, 1936, or shall thereafter serve as commandant in the Coast Guard shall, when retired (whether before or after the date of the enactment of this Act), be retired with the rank of Commandant and with the pay of a rear admiral (upper half) of the Navy on the retired list and that an officer whose term of service as Commandant has expired may be appointed a captain and shall be an additional number in that grade, but, if not so appointed, he shall take the place on the lineal list in the grade that he would have attained had he not served as Commandant and be an additional number in such grade;".

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[CHAPTER 809.]

AN ACT

June 25, 1936.
[S. 4727.]

[Public, No. 801.]

To quiet title and possession with respect to certain lands in Lawrence County, Alabama.

Lawrence County,
Ala.
Title to certain lands
in, released to equitable
owners thereto.

Proviso.
Relinquishment of
Federal title only.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right, title, and interest of the United States, except such right, title, and interest as has been acquired by the United States through purchase or condemnation, in and to all of fractional section 25 which lies south of the Elk River Shoals Canal and the northwest quarter of section 36, township 3 south, range 7 west, Huntsville meridian, in Lawrence County, Alabama, be, and the same is hereby released, relinquished, and confirmed by the United States to the owners of the equitable titles thereto, as fully and completely in every respect whatever as could be done by patents issued according to law: *Provided*, That this Act shall amount to a relinquishment of any title the United States has, or is supposed to have, in and to any of said lands and shall not be construed to abridge, impair, injure, prejudice, or divest in any manner any valid right, title, or interest of any person or body corporate whatever, the true intent of this Act being to concede and abandon all right, title, and interest of the United States to the lands