

situated at the designated location or locations and only while so situated: *Provided*, That an instrument recorded under section 503 (a) (2) shall not be affected as to the engine or engines specifically identified therein, by any instrument theretofore or thereafter recorded pursuant to section 503 (a) (3).

“(e) No conveyance or other instrument shall be recorded unless it shall have been acknowledged before a notary public or other officer authorized by the law of the United States, or of a State, Territory, or possession thereof, or the District of Columbia, to take acknowledgment of deeds.

Acknowledgment before notary public.

“(f) The Administrator shall keep a record of the time and date of the filing of conveyances and other instruments with him and of the time and date of recordation thereof. He shall record conveyances and other instruments filed with him in the order of their reception, in files to be kept for that purpose, and indexed according to—

Index of conveyances.

“(1) the identifying description of the aircraft or aircraft engine, or in the case of an instrument referred to in section 503 (a) (3), the location or locations specified therein; and

“(2) the names of the parties to the conveyance or other instrument.

“(g) The Administrator is authorized to provide by regulation for the endorsement upon certificates of registration, or aircraft certificates, of information with respect to the ownership of the aircraft for which each certificate is issued, the recording of discharges and satisfactions of recorded instruments, and other transactions affecting title to or interest in aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, appliances, or parts, and for such other records, proceedings, and details as may be necessary to facilitate the determination of the rights of parties dealing with civil aircraft of the United States, aircraft engines, propellers, appliances, or parts.

Regulations.

“(h) The person applying for the issuance or renewal of an airworthiness certificate for an aircraft with respect to which there has been no recordation of ownership as provided in this section shall present with his application such information with respect to the ownership of the aircraft as the Administrator shall deem necessary to show the persons who are holders of property interests in such aircraft and the nature and extent of such interests.”

Unrecorded ownership.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 524]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force to return certain lands situated in Puerto Rico, in accordance with the terms of the conveyances to the United States Government, and final judgments in certain condemnation proceedings.

June 19, 1948  
[S. 2592]  
[Public Law 693]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force are individually authorized, in accordance with the express provisions of the conveyances to the United States Government or the final judgments in condemnation proceedings filed at the request of the Secretary of the Army in the Federal District Court for Puerto Rico, to convey all or any part of the land in Puerto Rico, which was acquired for national defense purposes, when such land or part thereof is no longer required for such purposes. The improvements constructed by the Departments of the Army, Navy, or Air Force, upon

Puerto Rico.  
Return of land acquired for national-defense purposes.

Disposal of improvements.

Approval of Secretaries.

such property will be disposed of by the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, or Air Force prior to the time such property is conveyed, in accordance with the best interests of the United States Government: *Provided*, That no such property shall be conveyed or otherwise disposed of without the prior joint approval thereof of the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Treasury.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 525]

AN ACT

June 19, 1948  
[S. 2643]  
[Public Law 694]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to establish a lien for moneys due hospitals for services rendered in cases caused by negligence or fault of others and providing for the recording and enforcing of such liens", approved June 30, 1939.

Hospitals, D. C.  
Lien for moneys  
due.

*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 Act entitled "An Act to establish a lien for moneys due hospitals for services rendered in cases caused by negligence or fault of others and providing for the recording and enforcing of such liens", approved June 30, 1939, is amended by inserting after the word "institution" a comma and the following: "and any agency of the United States or the District of Columbia,".

53 Stat. 990.  
D. C. Code § 38-301.

D. C. Code § 38-303.

D. C. Code § 38-304.

D. C. Code § 38-305.

SEC. 2. Section 3 of such Act is amended by inserting after the word "institution" a comma and the following: "and any agency of the United States or the District of Columbia,".

SEC. 3. Section 4 of such Act is amended by inserting after the word "body" a comma and the following: "and of any agency of the United States or the District of Columbia,".

SEC. 4. Section 5 of such Act is amended by inserting after the word "institution" the words "or agency".

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 526]

AN ACT

June 19, 1948  
[H. R. 238]  
[Public Law 695]

For the extension of admiralty jurisdiction

Admiralty jurisdiction.  
Extension.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States shall extend to and include all cases of damage or injury, to person or property, caused by a vessel on navigable water, notwithstanding that such damage or injury be done or consummated on land.

In any such case suit may be brought in rem or in personam according to the principles of law and the rules of practice obtaining in cases where the injury or damage has been done and consummated on navigable water: *Provided*, That as to any suit against the United States for damage or injury done or consummated on land by a vessel on navigable waters, the Public Vessels Act or Suits in Admiralty Act, as appropriate, shall constitute the exclusive remedy for all causes of action arising after the date of the passage of this Act and for all causes of action where suit has not been hitherto filed under the Federal Tort Claims Act: *Provided further*, That no suit shall be filed against the United States until there shall have expired a period of six months after the claim has been presented in writing to the Federal agency owning or operating the vessel causing the injury or damage.

Approved June 19, 1948.

43 Stat. 1112; 41  
Stat. 525.  
46 U. S. C. §§ 781-  
790, 741-752.

60 Stat. 842.  
28 U. S. C. §§ 921,  
922, 931-934, 941-945.  
Post, p. 1008.