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AN ACT

August 13, 1954
[S. 3464]

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 in order to make certain provision for the carrying out of the Agreement for the Promotion of Safety on the Great Lakes by Means of Radio.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, is amended by inserting after paragraph (dd) the following:

Great Lakes.
Safety by radio.
48 Stat. 1065.
47 USC 153.
TIAS 2666.

"(ee) 'Great Lakes Agreement' means the Agreement for the Promotion of Safety on the Great Lakes by Means of Radio in force and the regulations referred to therein."

SEC. 2. (a) The first sentence of section 4 (f) (3) of such Act is amended to read as follows: "The Commission shall fix a reasonable rate of extra compensation for overtime services of engineers in charge and radio engineers of the Field Engineering and Monitoring Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission, who may be required to remain on duty between the hours of 5 o'clock postmeridian and 8 o'clock antemeridian or on Sundays or holidays to perform services in connection with the inspection of ship radio equipment and apparatus for the purposes of part II of title III of this Act or the Great Lakes Agreement, on the basis of one-half day's additional pay for each two hours or fraction thereof of at least one hour that the overtime exceeds beyond 5 o'clock postmeridian (but not to exceed two and one-half days' pay for the full period from 5 o'clock postmeridian to 8 o'clock antemeridian) and two additional days' pay for Sunday or holiday duty."

55 Stat. 46; 66 Stat. 711.
47 USC 154(f).
Overtime compensation.
Engineers.

48 Stat. 1070.
47 USC 351-362.

(b) The last proviso of such section 4 (f) (3) is amended by striking out "inspectors" wherever it appears therein and inserting in lieu thereof "engineers".

47 USC 154(f).

SEC. 3. Title V of such Act is amended by inserting after section 506 a new section reading as follows:

60 Stat. 89.
47 USC 506.

"VIOLATION OF GREAT LAKES AGREEMENT

"SEC. 507. (a) Any vessel of the United States that is navigated in violation of the provisions of the Great Lakes Agreement or the rules and regulations of the Commission made in pursuance thereof and any vessel of a foreign country that is so navigated on waters under the jurisdiction of the United States shall forfeit to the United States the sum of $500 recoverable by way of suit or libel. Each day during which such navigation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

"(b) Every willful failure on the part of the master of a vessel of the United States to enforce or to comply with the provisions of the Great Lakes Agreement or the rules and regulations of the Commission made in pursuance thereof shall cause him to forfeit to the United States the sum of $100."

SEC. 4. Section 504 (b) of such Act is amended by deleting "title III, part II" and inserting in lieu thereof "part II of title III and section 507".

48 Stat. 1101.
47 USC 504(b).

SEC. 5. Section 602 (e) of such Act is amended to read as follows:

"(e) The Act entitled 'An Act to require apparatus and operators for radio communication on certain ocean steamers', approved June 24, 1910, as amended, is hereby repealed."

Repeal.

36 Stat. 629.
46 USC 484-487.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect on November 13, 1954.

Effective date.

Approved August 13, 1954.