

Public Law 88-84

AN ACT

August 5, 1963
[S. 1036]

To amend the inland and western rivers rules concerning anchor lights and fog signals required in special anchorage areas, and for other purposes.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That article 11 of section 1 of the Act of June 7, 1897, as amended (33 U.S.C. 180), is further amended to read as follows:

"ART. 11. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this article, a vessel under one hundred and fifty feet in length when at anchor shall carry forward, where it can best be seen, a white light in a lantern so constructed as to show a clear, uniform, and unbroken light visible all around the horizon at a distance of at least two miles.

"(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this article, a vessel of one hundred and fifty feet or upward in length, when at anchor, shall carry in the forward part of the vessel, at a height of not less than twenty feet above the hull, one such light, and at or near the stern of the vessel, and at such a height that it shall be not less than fifteen feet lower than the forward light, another such light.

"(c) The Secretary of the Army may, after investigation, by rule, regulation, or order, designate such areas as he may deem proper as 'special anchorage areas'; such special anchorage areas may from time to time be changed, or abolished, if after investigation the Secretary of the Army shall deem such change or abolition in the interest of navigation. When anchored within such an area—

"(1) a vessel of not more than sixty-five feet in length shall not be required to carry or exhibit the white light required by this article;

"(2) a barge, canal boat, scow, or other nondescript craft of one hundred and fifty feet or upward in length may carry and exhibit the single white light prescribed by paragraph (a) of this article in lieu of the two white lights prescribed by paragraph (b) of this article; and

"(3) where two or more barges, canal boats, scows, or other nondescript craft are tied together and anchored as a unit, the anchor light prescribed by this article need be displayed only on the vessel having its anchor down."

SEC. 2. Subparagraph (d) of article 15 of section 1 of the Act of June 7, 1897 (33 U.S.C. 191), is amended to read as follows:

"(d) A vessel when at anchor shall, at intervals of not more than one minute, ring the bell rapidly for about five seconds, except that the following vessels shall not be required to sound this signal when anchored in a special anchorage area established pursuant to paragraph (c) of article 11:

"(1) a vessel of not more than sixty-five feet in length; and

"(2) a barge, canal boat, scow, or other nondescript craft."

SEC. 3. The rule numbered 13 in section 4233 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (33 U.S.C. 322), is further amended to read as follows:

"RULE NUMBERED 13. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this rule, a vessel under one hundred and fifty feet in length, when at anchor, shall carry forward, where it can best be seen, a white light in a lantern so constructed as to show a clear, uniform, and unbroken light visible all around the horizon at a distance of at least two miles.

"(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this rule, a vessel of one hundred and fifty feet or upward in length, when at anchor, shall carry in the forward part of the vessel, at a height of not less than twenty feet above the hull, one such light, and at or near the stern of

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the vessel, at such a height that it shall be not less than fifteen feet lower than the forward light, another such light.

“(c) The Secretary of the Army may, after investigation, by rule, regulation, or order, designate such areas as he may deem proper as ‘special anchorage areas’; such special anchorage areas may from time to time be changed, or abolished, if after investigation the Secretary of the Army shall deem such change or abolition in the interests of navigation. When anchored within such an area—

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“(1) a vessel of not more than sixty-five feet in length shall not be required to carry or exhibit the white light required by this rule;

“(2) a barge, canal boat, scow, or other nondescript craft of one hundred and fifty feet or upward in length may carry and exhibit the single white light prescribed by paragraph (a) of this rule in lieu of the two white lights prescribed by paragraph (b) of this rule; and

“(3) where two or more barges, canal boats, scows, or other nondescript craft are tied together and anchored as a unit, the anchor light prescribed by this rule need be displayed only on the vessel having its anchor down.”

SEC. 4. Subparagraph (d) of rule numbered 15 in section 4233 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (33 U.S.C. 331), is further amended to read as follows:

“(d) A vessel when at anchor shall, at intervals of not more than one minute, ring the bell rapidly for about five seconds, except that the following vessels shall not be required to sound this signal when anchored in a special anchorage area established pursuant to paragraph (c) of rule 13:

“(1) a vessel of not more than sixty-five feet in length; and

“(2) a barge, canal boat, scow or other nondescript craft.”

Approved August 5, 1963.

Public Law 88-85

AN ACT

August 5, 1963
[S. 489]

To amend the Act of March 5, 1938, establishing a small claims and conciliation branch in the municipal court for the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of subsection (g) of section 5 of the Act entitled “An Act establishing a small claims and conciliation branch in the municipal court of the District of Columbia for improving the administration of justice in small cases and providing assistance to needy litigants, and for other purposes”, approved March 5, 1938, as amended (52 Stat. 105; D.C. Code, 1961 edition, sec. 11-805(g)), is amended by inserting after the word “action” a colon and the following: “*Provided*, That where in any case controlled by any other statute a greater or lesser time for hearing is specified by such other statute, such other specified period of time shall be controlling”.

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SEC. 2. The second sentence of subsection (g) of section 5 of such Act is amended by striking “herein” and inserting in lieu thereof “therein”.

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