

Public Law 91-250

AN ACT

To amend section 613 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended.

May 14, 1970
[H. R. 12605]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 613 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1183), is amended by—

Passenger ves-
sels.
Off-season
cruises.
75 Stat. 89;
82 Stat. 248.

(a) Striking the letter “(d)” in subsection (b) after the words “under subsection”, and inserting in lieu thereof the letter “(e)”.

(b) Striking subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) The Secretary of Commerce may authorize passenger vessels under operating-differential subsidy contracts to provide domestic service between specified ports while the vessels are on voyages in an essential service in the foreign commerce of the United States without reduction of operating-differential subsidy and the partial payback of construction-differential subsidy for operating in the domestic trades, if it finds that such domestic service will not result in a substantial deviation from the service, route, or line for which operating-differential subsidy is paid and will not adversely affect service on such service, route, or line.”

(c) Redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e) and inserting a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) When a vessel is being operated on cruises or has been authorized under this section to provide domestic passenger services while on voyages in an essential service in foreign commerce of the United States—

“(1) it shall carry no mail unless required by law, or cargo except passengers’ luggage, except between those ports between which it may carry mail and cargo on its regular service assigned by contract;

“(2) it may not carry one-way passengers between those ports served by another United States carrier on its regular service assigned by contract, without the consent of such carrier, except between those ports between which it may carry one-way passengers on its own regular service assigned by contract;

“(3) it shall stop at other domestic ports only for the same time and the same purpose as is permitted with respect to a foreign-flag vessel which is carrying passengers who embarked at a domestic port, except that a cruise may end at a different port or coast from that where it began and may embark or disembark passengers at other domestic ports, either when not involving transportation in the domestic offshore trade in competition with a United States-flag passenger vessel offering berth service therein, or, if involving such transportation, with the consent of such carrier: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein shall be construed to repeal or modify section 805(a) of this Act.

Section 605(c) of this Act shall not apply to cruises authorized under this section. Notwithstanding the applicable provisions of section 605(a) and section 506 of this Act requiring the reduction of operating differential subsidy and the partial payback of construction differential subsidy for operating in the domestic trades, such reduction of operating subsidy and partial payback of construction subsidy under sections 605(a) and 506, respectively, shall not apply to cruises or domestic services authorized under this section.”

(d) Striking subsection (e).

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49 Stat. 2012.
46 USC 1223.
46 USC 1175.

52 Stat. 958.
46 USC 1156.

75 Stat. 89;
82 Stat. 248.
46 USC 1183.