

Public Law 93-368

AN ACT

August 7, 1974
[H. R. 8217]

To exempt from duty certain equipment and repairs for vessels operated by or for any agency of the United States where the entries were made in connection with vessels arriving before January 5, 1971, and for other purposes.

Vessels.
Foreign repairs,
duty exemption.
Unemployment
and social se-
curity benefits.
19 USC 257
note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 3114 and 3115 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (19 U.S.C. 257 and 258) shall not apply to entries made in connection with arrivals before January 5, 1971, of vessels owned by the United States, or bareboat chartered to the United States, and operated by or for the account of any department or agency of the United States.

SEC. 2. On or after the date of the enactment of this Act, no department or agency of the United States shall be entitled to a refund of any duties paid before January 5, 1971, by any department or agency of the United States under section 3114 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

Ante, p. 288.

SEC. 3. The last sentence of section 203(e) (2) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (as added by section 20 of Public Law 93-233 and amended by section 2 of Public Law 93-256 and by section 2 of Public Law 93-329) is amended by striking out "August 1, 1974" and inserting in lieu thereof "April 30, 1975".

26 USC 3304
note.

SEC. 4. (a) The second sentence of section 204(b) of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 1971 is amended to read as follows: "Amounts appropriated as repayable advances and paid to the States under section 203 shall be repaid, without interest, as provided in section 905(d) of the Social Security Act."

42 USC 1105.

42 USC 1103.

(b) Section 903(b) of the Social Security Act is amended by striking out paragraph (3).

42 USC 1383.

SEC. 5. Section 1631 of the Social Security Act is amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

"REIMBURSEMENT TO STATES FOR INTERIM ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

"(g) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (d) (1) and subsection (b) as it relates to the payment of less than the correct amount of benefits, the Secretary may, upon written authorization by an individual, withhold benefits due with respect to that individual and may pay to a State (or a political subdivision thereof if agreed to by the Secretary and the State) from the benefits withheld an amount sufficient to reimburse the State (or political subdivision) for interim assistance furnished on behalf of the individual by the State (or political subdivision).

"Benefits."

"(2) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'benefits' with respect to any individual means supplemental security income benefits under this title, and any State supplementary payments under section 1616 or under section 212 of Public Law 93-66 which the Secretary makes on behalf of a State (or political subdivision thereof), that the Secretary has determined to be due with respect to the individual at the time the Secretary makes the first payment of benefits. A cash advance made pursuant to subsection (a) (4) (A) shall not be considered as the first payment of benefits for purposes of the preceding sentence.

42 USC 1382e.
87 Stat. 155,
957.

"(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'interim assistance' with respect to any individual means assistance financed from State or local funds and furnished for meeting basic needs during the period, beginning with the month in which the individual filed an application for benefits (as defined in paragraph (2)), for which he was eligible for such benefits.

"Interim assistance."

"(4) In order for a State to receive reimbursement under the provisions of paragraph (1), the State shall have in effect an agreement with the Secretary which shall provide—

Agreement.

"(A) that if the Secretary makes payment to the State (or a political subdivision of the State as provided for under the agreement) in reimbursement for interim assistance (as defined in paragraph (3)) for any individual in an amount greater than the reimbursable amount authorized by paragraph (1), the State (or political subdivision) shall pay to the individual the balance of such payment in excess of the reimbursable amount as expeditiously as possible, but in any event within ten working days or a shorter period specified in the agreement; and

"(B) that the State will comply with such other rules as the Secretary finds necessary to achieve efficient and effective administration of this subsection and to carry out the purposes of the program established by this title, including protection of hearing rights for any individual aggrieved by action taken by the State (or political subdivision) pursuant to this subsection.

"(5) The provisions of subsection (c) shall not be applicable to any disagreement concerning payment by the Secretary to a State pursuant to the preceding provisions of this subsection nor the amount retained by the State (or political subdivision).

"(6) The provisions of this subsection shall expire on June 30, 1976. At least sixty days prior to such expiration date, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report assessing the effects of actions taken pursuant to this subsection, including the adequacy of interim assistance provided and the efficiency and effectiveness of the administration of such provisions. Such report may include such recommendations as the Secretary deems appropriate."

Effective date; report to Congress.

SEC. 6. (a) Section 1611 of the Social Security Act is amended—

Supplemental security income benefits.
42 USC 1382.

(1) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by inserting "(or, if greater, the amount determined under section 1617)" immediately after "\$1,752";

(2) in subsection (a)(2)(A), by inserting "(or, if greater, the amount determined under section 1617)" immediately after "\$2,628";

(3) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting "(or, if greater, the amount determined under section 1617)" immediately after "\$1,752"; and

(4) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting "(or, if greater, the amount determined under section 1617)" immediately after "\$2,628".

(b) Part A of title XVI of such Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS IN BENEFITS

42 USC 1382f.
42 USC 401.

42 USC 415.

Ante, p. 421.

87 Stat. 154,
953.

Publication in
Federal Register.

42 USC 415.

42 USC 1395x
note.

"SEC. 1617. Whenever benefit amounts under title II are increased by any percentage effective with any month as a result of determination made under section 215(i), each of the dollar amounts in effect for such month under subsections (a)(1)(A), (a)(2)(A), (b)(1), (b)(2) of section 1611, and subsection (a)(1)(A) of section 211 of Public Law 93-66, as specified in such subsections or as previously increased under this section, shall be increased by the same percentage (and rounded, when not a multiple of \$1.20, to the next higher multiple of \$1.20), effective with respect to benefits for months after such month; and such dollar amounts as so increased shall be published in the Federal Register together with, and at the same time as, the material required by section 215(i)(2)(D) to be published therein by reason of such determination."

SEC. 7. (a) Section 15(c)(2) of Public Law 93-233 is amended by striking out "December 1, 1974" and inserting in lieu thereof "March 1, 1975", and by striking out "July 1, 1975" and inserting in lieu thereof "March 1, 1976".

(b) Section 15(c)(5) of Public Law 93-233 is amended by striking out "March 1, 1975" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 1, 1975", and by striking out "October 1, 1975" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 1, 1976".

(c) Section 15(d) of Public Law 93-233 is amended by striking out "January 1, 1975, except that if the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare determines that additional time is required to prepare the report required by subsection (c), he may, by regulation, extend the applicability of the provisions of subsection (a) to cost accounting periods beginning after June 30, 1975" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 1976".

42 USC 1396b
note.

SEC. 8. Section 249B of the Social Security Amendments of 1972 is amended by striking out "June 30, 1974" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1977".

42 USC 1396a.

SEC. 9. (a) Section 1902(a)(14)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act (relating to certain cost-sharing fees required to be paid by some individuals under medicaid) is amended by striking out "shall" and inserting in lieu thereof "may".

Effective date.
42 USC 1396a
note.

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall be effective January 1, 1973.

42 USC 411.

SEC. 10. (a) Section 211(a)(1) of the Social Security Act is amended by inserting after "material participation by the owner or tenant" each time it occurs the following: "(as determined without regard to any activities of an agent of such owner or tenant)".

26 USC 1402.

(b) Section 1402(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (relating to definition of net earnings from self-employment) is amended by inserting after "material participation by the owner or tenant" each time it occurs the following: "(as determined without regard to any activities of an agent of such owner or tenant)".

42 USC 411
note.

(c) The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1973.

Study and in-
vestigation.
50 USC app.
1212 note.
50 USC app.
1211 note.

SEC. 11. (a) The staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation shall conduct a comprehensive study and investigation of the operation and effect of the Renegotiation Act of 1951, as amended, with a view to determining whether such Act should be extended beyond December 31, 1975, and, if so, how the administration of such

Act can be improved. The Joint Committee staff shall specifically consider whether exemption criteria and the statutory factors for determining excessive profits should be changed to make the Act fairer and more effective and more objective. The Joint Committee staff shall also consider whether the Renegotiation Board should be restructured.

(b) In conducting such study and investigation the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation shall consult with the staffs of the Renegotiation Board, the General Accounting Office, the Cost Accounting Standards Board, and the Joint Economic Committee.

(c) The staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation shall submit the results of its study and investigation to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and to the Committee on Finance of the Senate on or before September 30, 1975, together with such recommendations as it deems appropriate.

Approved August 7, 1974.

Consultation.

Report to congressional committees.

Public Law 93-369

AN ACT

To amend the provisions of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930, relating to practices in the marketing of perishable agricultural commodities.

August 10, 1974
[H. R. 13264]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (5) of section 2 of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930, as amended (7 U.S.C. 499b(5)), is hereby amended by striking out the semicolon at the end thereof and substituting a colon and the following: "Provided, That any commission merchant, dealer, or broker who has violated this subsection may, with the consent of the Secretary, admit the violation or violations and pay a monetary penalty not to exceed \$2,000 in lieu of a formal proceeding for the suspension or revocation of license, any payment so made to be deposited into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts;"

Approved August 10, 1974.

Perishable
Agricultural Com-
modities Act,
1930, amendment.

Violation,
penalty.

Public Law 93-370

AN ACT

To amend the Act of June 13, 1933 (Public Law 73-40), concerning safety standards for boilers and pressure vessels, and for other purposes.

August 10, 1974
[H. R. 10309]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4433 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (46 U.S.C. 411) is amended as follows:

(1) By deleting the word "and" before the words "construction of boilers,".

(2) By inserting the words ", and operation" before the words "of boilers, unfired".

(3) By inserting after the words "unfired pressure vessels" the words "piping, valves, fittings,".

(4) By placing the word "other" before the word "appurtenances".

(5) By deleting the words "thereof, and steam piping".

(6) By deleting the second sentence including the proviso.

Approved August 10, 1974.

Coast Guard.
Boilers and
pressure vessels,
safety standards.