

[CHAPTER 158]

AN ACT

To amend section 10 (b), (c), and (d) of the Act of June 26, 1884, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 599), relative to the allotment of wages by seamen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section 10 of the Act of June 26, 1884, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 599), are amended to read as follows:

“(b) That it shall be lawful for any seaman to stipulate in his shipping agreement for an allotment of any portion of the wages he may earn to his grandparents, parents, wife, sister, or children, or for deposits to be made in an account opened by him and maintained in his name either at a savings bank or a United States postal savings depository subject to the governing regulations thereof.

“(c) That no allotment shall be valid unless in writing and signed by and approved by the shipping commissioner. It shall be the duty of the said commissioner to examine such allotments and the parties to them and enforce compliance with the law. All stipulations for the allotment of any part of the wages of a seaman during his absence which are made at the commencement of the voyage shall be inserted in the agreement and shall state the amounts and times of the payments to be made and the persons to whom the payments are to be made, or by directing the payments to be made to a savings bank or a United States postal savings depository in an account maintained in his name.

“(d) No allotment except as provided in this section shall be legal. Any person who shall falsely claim to be such relation, as above described, or to be a savings bank or a United States postal savings depository and as such an allottee of the seaman under this section shall for every such offense be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding six months, at the discretion of the court.”

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[CHAPTER 159]

AN ACT

To amend section 4335 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relative to change of masters of vessels.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4335 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 276) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(a) Whenever the master of any licensed vessel, ferryboats excepted, is changed, the new master, or, in case of his absence, the owner or one of the owners thereof, shall report such change to the collector residing at the port where the same happens, if there be one; otherwise, to the collector residing at any port where such vessel next arrives, who, upon the oath of such new master, or, in case of his absence, of the owner, that such master is a citizen of the United States, and that such vessel shall not, while such license continues in force, be employed in any manner whereby the revenue of the United States may be defrauded, shall endorse such change on the license, with the name of the new master. Whenever such change is not reported, and endorsed, as herein required, such vessel, if found carrying on the coasting trade or fisheries, shall be subject to pay the same fees and tonnage as a vessel of the United States having a register, and the new

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American seamen.
23 Stat. 55.
46 U. S. C. § 599.

Allotment of portion of wages to relatives or to savings accounts.

Conditions requisite for valid allotments. Examinations.

Stipulations, insertion in agreement.

Punishment for false claim.

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Vessels in domestic commerce.
R. S. § 4335.
46 U. S. C. § 276.

Proceedings on change of masters.

Vessels in the coasting trade or fisheries, penalty for not reporting change.

master shall be liable to a penalty of \$10: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Commerce may authorize the endorsement of not more than two alternate masters in addition to the one already endorsed on the license, whenever in his judgment the condition of employment of the vessel warrants such action: *Provided further*, That in the case of vessels navigated within the limits of the harbor of any town or city, the name of the owner or some responsible person acting for the owner who otherwise meets all requirements of the laws of the United States with regard to masters, may be endorsed on the license of such vessel, although not actually employed thereon, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce: *And provided further*, That in the case of unrigged vessels which are not required by law to have on board a certificate of inspection, the name of the owner or any responsible person acting for the owner who otherwise meets all requirements of the laws of the United States with regard to masters, may be endorsed on the license of such unrigged vessel although not actually employed on board the vessel.

Provides.
Endorsement of two alternate masters permitted.

Vessels operating within limits of harbor of town or city.

Unrigged vessels not requiring certificate of inspection on board.

“(b) In the case of those vessels on the licenses of which there are endorsed the names of more than one master, the master actually in charge of the vessel shall assume all of the duties and responsibilities imposed by any statute upon masters of vessels, and incur the liabilities provided by any law against masters of vessels during any period in which he is in charge of the vessel.

Duties and responsibilities of master in charge.

“(c) The term ‘unrigged vessel’ as used herein, means any vessel that is not self-propelled.”

“Unrigged vessel,” term defined.

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[CHAPTER 160]

AN ACT

To amend section 4325 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended, relative to renewal of licenses of vessels.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4325 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 267), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Vessels.
R. S. § 4325.
46 U. S. C. § 267.

“The license granted to any vessel shall be presented for renewal by endorsement to the collector of customs of the district in which the vessel then may be within three days after the expiration of time for which it was granted, or, if she be absent at that time, within three days from her first arrival within a district. In case of change of build, ownership, district, trade, or arrival under temporary papers in the district where she belongs the license shall be surrendered. If the master shall fail to deliver the license he shall be liable to a penalty of \$10. Such penalty on application may be mitigated or remitted by the Secretary of Commerce.”

Renewal of licenses.

Surrender in case of change of build, ownership, etc.

Penalty for failure; remission or mitigation.

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[CHAPTER 161]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of War to provide for the sale of aviation supplies and services to aircraft operated by foreign military and air attachés accredited to the United States, 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 the Secretary of War, under such regulations as he may prescribe, may provide for the sale to any aircraft operated by any foreign military or air attaché accredited to the United States of fuel, oil, equipment, and

Aviation supplies and services to aircraft.

Sale of, operated by accredited foreign military or air attaché.