

Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Construction.
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SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, October 22, 1914.

CHAP. 333.—An Act To authorize Frank H. Gardiner to construct a bridge across the waters of Pistakee Lake and Nippersink Lake at or near their point of intersection.

October 22, 1914.
[H. R. 17267.]

[Public, No. 219.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Frank H. Gardiner and his assigns be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the waters of Pistakee Lake and Nippersink Lake at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near their point of intersection, in the county of Lake, in the State of Illinois, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Lakes Pistakee and
Nippersink.
Frank H. Gardiner
may bridge, in Lake
County, Ill.

Construction.
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SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, October 22, 1914.

CHAP. 334.—An Act To amend section forty-one hundred and thirty-one of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America as amended by the Act of Congress approved May twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, relating to the renewal of licenses.

October 22, 1914.
[H. R. 16346.]

[Public, No. 220.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section two of section forty-one hundred and thirty-one of the Revised Statutes of the United States as amended by the Act of Congress approved May twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, relating to the renewal of licenses, be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Commerce and navi-
gation.
Vessels of the United
States.
R. S., sec. 4131, p.
795, amended.
Vol. 29, p. 188,
amended.

"SEC. 2. That all licenses issued to such officers shall be for a term of five years, but the holder of a license may have the same renewed for another five years in the manner prescribed in the rules and regulations of the Board of Supervising Inspectors: *Provided, however,* That any officer holding a license, and who is engaged in a service which necessitates his continuous absence from the United States, may make application in writing for renewal and transmit the same to the board of local inspectors, with his certificate of citizenship, if naturalized, and a statement of the applicant, verified before a consul or other officer of the United States authorized to administer an oath, setting forth the reasons for not appearing in person; and upon receiving the same the board of local inspectors that originally issued such license shall renew the same and shall notify the applicant of such renewal: *Provided further,* That no license as master, mate, or pilot of any class of vessel shall be renewed without furnishing a satisfactory certificate of examination as to color blindness. And in all cases where the issue is the suspension or revocation of such licenses, whether before the local boards of inspectors (of steam vessels), as provided for in section forty-four hundred and fifty of the Revised Statutes, or before the supervising inspector, as provided for in section forty-four hundred and fifty-two of the Revised Statutes, the accused shall be allowed to appear by counsel and to testify in his own behalf. No master, mate, pilot, or engineer of steam vessels licensed under title fifty-two of the Revised Statutes, pages forty-three hundred and ninety-nine to forty-five hundred, shall be liable to draft in

Officers.
Licenses to be for
five years.

Provisos.
Applications for re-
newal while abroad.

Examination for color
blindness.

Examinations in
cases of suspension, etc.

R. S., secs. 4450, 4452,
p. 861.

Exemption from
draft.
R. S., Title LII,
pp. 852-869.

time of war, except for the performance of duties such as required by his license; and while performing such duties in the service of the United States every such master, mate, pilot, or engineer shall be entitled to the highest rate of wages paid in the merchant marine of the United States for similar services; and if killed or wounded while performing such duties under the United States, they, or their heirs, or their legal representatives, shall be entitled to all the privileges accorded to soldiers and sailors serving in the Army or Navy, under the pension laws of the United States."

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October 22, 1914.
[H. R. 16296.]
[Public, No. 221.]

CHAP. 335.—An Act To provide for issuing of patents for public lands claimed under the homestead laws by deserted wives.

Public lands.
Homestead entries
may be completed by
deserted wife.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in any case in which persons have regularly initiated claims to public lands as settlers thereon under the provisions of the homestead laws, and the wife of such homestead settler or entryman, while residing upon the homestead claim and prior to submission of final proof of residence, cultivation, and improvement as prescribed by law, has been abandoned and deserted by her husband for a period of more than one year, the deserted wife shall, upon establishing the fact of such abandonment or desertion to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior, be entitled to submit proof upon such claim and obtain patent therefor in her name in the form, manner, and subject to the conditions prescribed in section twenty-two hundred and ninety-one of the Revised Statutes of the United States and Acts supplemental thereto and amendatory thereof: *Provided,* That in such cases the wife shall be required to show residence upon, cultivation, and improvement of the homestead by herself for such time as when, added to the time during which her husband prior to desertion had complied with the law, would aggregate the full amount of residence, improvement, and cultivation required by law: *And provided further,* That the published and posted notices of intention to submit final proof in such cases shall recite the fact that the proof is to be offered and patent sought by applicant as a deserted wife, and, prior to its submission, notice thereof shall be served upon the husband of the applicant in such a manner and under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe.

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Issue of patent.

R. S., sec. 2291, p.
420.
Vol. 37, p. 123.

Provisos.
Proof of residence,
etc., required.

Notices to be posted,
etc.

October 22, 1914.
[H. R. 14377.]
[Public, No. 222.]

CHAP. 336.—An Act To amend section forty-four hundred and seventy-two of the Revised Statutes.

Steam vessels.
Carrying dangerous
articles on, prohibited.
R. S., sec. 4472, p.
865, amended.
Vol. 33, p. 1031; Vol.
34, p. 204; Vol. 37, p. 650.
Gasoline for lighting
and wireless systems
permitted.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-four hundred and seventy-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following provision:

Regulations to be
prescribed.

"*Provided, however,* That nothing in the foregoing or following sections of this Act shall prohibit the transportation and use by vessels carrying passengers or freight for hire of gasoline or any of the products of petroleum for the operation of engines to supply an auxiliary lighting and wireless system independent of the vessel's main power plant: *Provided further,* That the transportation or use of such gasoline or any of the products of petroleum shall be under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the board of supervising inspectors, with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce."

Approved, October 22, 1914.