

## [CHAPTER 296]

## AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act authorizing the temporary detail of John L. Savage, an employee of the United States, to service under the government of the State of New South Wales, Australia, and the government of the Punjab, India" (Act of June 29, 1940, Public, Numbered 678, Seventy-sixth Congress, third session).

July 14, 1941  
[S. 1488]  
[Public Law 172]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the temporary detail of John L. Savage, an employee of the United States, to service under the government of the State of New South Wales, Australia, and the government of the Punjab, India," approved June 29, 1940 (Public, Numbered 678, Seventy-sixth Congress, third session), is hereby amended by striking out the words "State of New South Wales, Australia," and by inserting in lieu thereof the words: "Commonwealth of Australia".

J. L. Savage.  
Detail of, for service  
in Australia and  
India.

54 Stat. 691.

Approved, July 14, 1941.

## [CHAPTER 297]

## AN ACT

To provide for priorities in transportation by merchant vessels in the interests of national defense, and for other purposes.

July 14, 1941  
[H. R. 4700]  
[Public Law 173]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That during the emergency declared by the President on May 27, 1941, to exist but not after June 30, 1943, the President may, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, whenever he deems it in the interest of national defense, including the maintenance of essential supplies and services, authorize the United States Maritime Commission to issue warrants as hereinafter provided with respect to any vessel documented under the laws of the United States or any vessel not so documented but owned by a citizen of the United States. Such warrants may also be issued to foreign-flag vessels not owned by citizens of the United States upon application therefor by the owner of said vessel or the charterer thereof on behalf of such owner. Such application shall be in such form as the United States Maritime Commission may prescribe. All warrants shall be issued and may be revoked pursuant to regulations issued by the United States Maritime Commission with the approval of the President.

National defense.  
Priorities in trans-  
portation by merchant  
vessels; issuance of  
warrants.  
6 F. R. 2617.

7 F. R. 837.

SEC. 2. The warrants to be issued pursuant to this Act shall be in such form as the Maritime Commission shall prescribe, and shall set forth the conditions to be complied with by the affected vessel as a condition to receiving the priorities and other advantages provided in this Act, by reference to an undertaking of the owner or charterer with respect to the trades in which such vessel shall be employed, the voyages which it shall undertake, the class or classes of cargo or passengers to be carried, the fair and reasonable maximum rate of charter-hire or equivalent, and such incidental and supplementary matters as appear to the United States Maritime Commission to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the warrant. Nothing in this Act shall authorize the United States Maritime Commission to require the owner or charterer to relinquish the manning, storing, victualing, supplying, fueling, maintaining, or repairing of his vessel to any other person or persons. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to alter, amend, or repeal any of the coastwise laws of the United States.

Form of warrants;  
conditions.

Coastwise laws not  
affected.