

Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended (D. C. Code, 1940 edition, sec. 26-318), is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof a colon and the following: "*Provided, however,* That trust companies which are required to file and to publish reports under the provisions of section 5211 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, shall not be required to make or publish the annual report required under this section".

Approved November 30, 1945.

31 Stat. 1307.

Annual reports by trust companies.

12 U. S. C. § 161; Supp. IV, § 161 note.

[CHAPTER 500]

AN ACT

To provide for the opening of a road within the boundaries of the District of Columbia Training School property in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

November 30, 1945  
[H. R. 3873]  
[Public Law 236]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to convey to the State of Maryland the land and connections thereto necessary for use as a public thoroughfare through the District of Columbia Training School property in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, as shown on map numbered 3094, filed in the office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia.

D. C. Training School property, Anne Arundel County, Md., roadway.

SEC. 2. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby further authorized to grant an easement to the State of Maryland over the land and connections thereto, abutting said thoroughfare for slopes made necessary by the construction of this roadway.

Easement.

Approved November 30, 1945.

[CHAPTER 501]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing for the continuance of the tax-exempt status of certain property in the District of Columbia when used and occupied by any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States of America or by the American Red Cross.

November 30, 1945  
[H. J. Res. 236]  
[Public Law 237]

Whereas certain real property in the District of Columbia, including property belonging to the United States of America and other property belonging to various institutions, associations, societies, and so forth, is exempt from real-estate taxation; and

Whereas in times of national stress it is necessary for the United States of America and its various instrumentalities to use and occupy additional space necessary for the proper execution of their enlarged functions: Therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the use and occupancy of real property in the District of Columbia by any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States of America, or by the American Red Cross, on a basis which does not result in the receipt of rent or income to the owner thereof within the meaning of section 2 of the Act of December 24, 1942 (56 Stat. 1089), shall not operate to terminate the tax-exempt status of such property if exempted from taxation prior to such use and occupancy; and, further, that any taxes, penalties, or interest which may be due by reason of such change in the use and occupancy of such property and unpaid when this joint resolution shall be approved by the President shall be abated: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed as authorizing any refund of any taxes, penalties, or interest heretofore paid.

District of Columbia.  
Tax-exempt status of certain property.

D. C. Code, Supp. IV, § 47-801b.

Approved November 30, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 510]

## AN ACT

December 3, 1945  
[S. 1097]  
[Public Law 238]

To establish the status of funds and employees of the midshipmen's store at the United States Naval Academy.

Midshipmen's store  
at U. S. Naval Acad-  
emy.  
Accounting.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all funds collected from the operations of the midshipmen's store at the United States Naval Academy are appropriated for the purpose of providing and maintaining the necessary service and shall hereafter be accounted for as public moneys.

Status of employees.

SEC. 2. All employees of such midshipmen's store, whether heretofore paid from appropriated moneys or from receipts of the midshipmen's store, shall hereafter be deemed to be Government employees entitled to all benefits and subject to all restrictions arising under the laws of the United States applicable to civil-service employees of their grade and class. All employees of said midshipmen's store on the effective date of this Act shall be entitled to claim credit for prior employment in said store for purposes of any benefits to which they may be entitled under the laws of the United States, and no such employee shall suffer, by virtue of being placed in the status of a civil-service employee by this Act, a reduction in total pay below that being received by him on the effective date of this Act.

Credit for prior em-  
ployment.

Approved December 3, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 511]

## AN ACT

December 3, 1945  
[S. 1494]  
[Public Law 239]

To exempt Navy or Coast Guard vessels of special construction from the requirements as to the number, position, range, or arc of visibility of lights, and for other purposes.

Navy or Coast  
Guard vessels of  
special construction.

26 Stat. 320.

30 Stat. 96.

28 Stat. 645.

26 Stat. 320.

Lights require-  
ments.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any requirement as to the number, position, range of visibility, or arc of visibility of lights required to be displayed by vessels under the Act of Congress approved August 19, 1890 (title 33, U. S. C., secs. 61-141), entitled "An Act to adopt regulations for preventing collisions at sea"; or the Act of Congress approved June 7, 1897 (title 33, U. S. C., secs. 154-231), entitled "An Act to adopt regulations for preventing collision upon certain harbors, rivers, and inland waters of the United States"; or the Act of Congress approved February 8, 1895 (title 33, U. S. C., secs. 241-294), entitled "An Act to regulate navigation on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters"; or the Act of Congress approved August 19, 1890 (title 33, U. S. C., secs. 301-351), entitled "An Act to adopt special rules for the navigation of harbors, rivers, and inland waters of the United States, except the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters as far east as Montreal, supplementary to the Act of August nineteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled 'An Act to adopt regulations for preventing collisions at Sea'", and all laws amendatory thereto, shall not apply to any vessel of the Navy or of the Coast Guard, where the Secretary of the Navy, or the Secretary of the Treasury in the case of Coast Guard vessels operating under the Treasury Department, or such official or officials as either may designate, shall find or certify that, by reason of special construction, it is not possible with respect to such vessel or class of vessels to comply with the statutory provisions as to the number, position, range of visibility, or arc of visibility of lights. The lights of any such exempted vessel or class of vessels shall, however, comply