

## [CHAPTER 232]

## AN ACT

April 27, 1948  
[S. 1533]  
[Public Law 499]

To provide for the conveyance to the State of Maryland, for the use of the University of Maryland, of the northern portion of a parcel of land previously constituting a part of the campus of the university and previously conveyed by the State of Maryland to the United States for the use of the Bureau of Mines.

University of Mary-  
land.  
Conveyance.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to convey by quitclaim deed to the State of Maryland, for the use of the University of Maryland, a tract of land in Prince Georges County, Maryland, described as follows: Beginning at the stone monument that marks the corner formed by the intersection of boundary lines of the lands now or formerly owned by John and Rachel Keiley (liber S. D. H. 332, folio 113); Sam and — Buckley (liber 47, folio 325); Charles E., Harry W., James E. and Mary E. McNamee; and the University of Maryland (Maryland Agricultural College, liber C. S. M. 2, folio 294); near College Park, Prince Georges County, Maryland, and running thence with the line formerly owned by McNamee on the one side and the Bureau of Mines on the other side, south forty degrees forty-seven minutes, four seconds west nine hundred and thirty-nine and forty-six one-hundredths feet to an iron pipe marking what was formerly the Engle-McNamee corner (being part of the north forty-four degrees east two hundred and sixty-two and twenty twenty-fifths perches line of Maryland Agricultural College, liber C. S. M. 2, folio 294); thence north eighty-nine degrees thirty minutes no seconds east until it intersects the east line of the Bureau of Mines property seven hundred and one and eighty-eight one-hundredths feet; thence north no degrees thirty minutes west six hundred and sixty-six and thirty-nine one-hundredths feet to an iron pipe marking the northeast corner of the Bureau of Mines property; thence north sixty-four degrees forty-five minutes twenty-four seconds west ninety-one and seven one-hundredths feet along the University of Maryland (formerly Keiley) line to the point of beginning and containing six and three thousand one hundred and forty-eight ten-thousandths acres.

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## [CHAPTER 235]

## AN ACT

April 27, 1948  
[S. 560]  
[Public Law 500]

To prohibit the operation of gambling ships, and for other purposes.

Operation of gam-  
bling ships.

"Gambling ship."

"Gambling estab-  
lishment."

"Vessel."

"American vessel."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That as used in this Act—

(a) The term "gambling ship" means a vessel used principally for the operation of one or more gambling establishments.

(b) The term "gambling establishment" means any common gaming or gambling establishment operated for the purpose of gaming or gambling, including accepting, recording, or registering bets, or carrying on a policy game or any other lottery, or playing any game of chance, for money or other thing of value.

(c) The term "vessel" includes every kind of water and air craft or other contrivance used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, or on water and in the air, as well as any ship, boat, barge, or other water craft or any structure capable of floating on the water.

(d) The term "American vessel" means any vessel documented or numbered under the laws of the United States; and includes any

vessel which is neither documented or numbered under the laws of the United States nor documented under the laws of any foreign country, if such vessel is owned by, chartered to, or otherwise controlled by one or more citizens or residents of the United States or corporations organized under the laws of the United States or of any State.

(e) The term "United States", when used in a geographical sense, includes the continental United States and the Territories and possessions of the United States, other than the Canal Zone.

SEC. 2. (a) It shall be unlawful for any citizen or resident of the United States, or any other person who is on an American vessel or is otherwise under or within the jurisdiction of the United States, directly or indirectly—

(1) to set up, operate, or own or hold any interest in any gambling ship or any gambling establishment on any gambling ship; or

(2) in pursuance of the operation of any gambling establishment on any gambling ship, to conduct or deal any gambling game, or to conduct or operate any gambling device, or to induce, entice, solicit, or permit any person to bet or play at any such establishment,

if such gambling ship is on the high seas, or is an American vessel or otherwise under or within the jurisdiction of the United States, and is not within the jurisdiction of any State.

(b) Whoever violates the provisions of subsection (a) shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned for not more than two years or fined not more than \$10,000, or both.

(c) Whoever, being (1) the owner of an American vessel, or (2) the owner of any vessel under or within the jurisdiction of the United States, or (3) the owner of any vessel and being an American citizen, shall use, or knowingly permit the use of, such vessel in violation of any provision of this section shall, in addition to any other penalties provided by this Act, forfeit such vessel, together with her tackle, apparel, and furniture, to the United States.

SEC. 3. (a) It shall be unlawful to operate or use, or to permit the operation or use of, any vessel for the carriage or transportation, or for any part of the carriage or transportation, either directly or indirectly, of any passengers, for hire or otherwise, between any point or place within the United States and any gambling ship which is not within the jurisdiction of any State. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any carriage or transportation to or from any vessel in case of any emergency involving the safety or protection of life or property.

(b) The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to prescribe such reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this section and to prevent violations of such provisions. For the operation or use of any vessel in violation of the provisions of this section or of any rule or regulation issued hereunder, the owner or charterer of such vessel shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$200 for each passenger carried or transported in violation of such provisions, and the master or other person in charge of such vessel shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$300. Such penalty shall constitute a lien on such vessel, and proceedings to enforce such lien may be brought summarily by way of libel in any court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to mitigate or remit any of the penalties provided by this section on such terms as he may deem proper.

SEC. 4. Nothing in this Act shall be held to take away or impair the jurisdiction of the courts of the several States under the laws thereof,

"United States."

Unlawful acts.

Violations.

Forfeiture of vessel.

Transportation of passengers.

Rules and regulations.

Penalty.

Jurisdiction of courts.

or to preclude action, otherwise valid, by any State or Territory with respect to the navigable waters within the boundaries of such State or Territory.

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[CHAPTER 236]

AN ACT

To amend title 17 of the United States Code entitled "Copyrights."

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[H. R. 4931]  
[Public Law 501]

Title 17, U. S. Code,  
amendment.  
61 Stat. 667.  
17 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
§ 211.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 211 of title 17 of the United States Code, entitled "Copyrights", be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 211. SAME; DISTRIBUTION AND SALE; DISPOSAL OF PROCEEDS.—The said printed current catalogs as they are issued shall be promptly distributed by the Superintendent of Documents to the collectors of customs of the United States and to the postmasters of all exchange offices of receipt of foreign mails, in accordance with revised list of such collectors of customs and postmasters prepared by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Postmaster General, and they shall also be furnished in whole or in part to all parties desiring them at a price to be determined by the Register of Copyrights for each part of the catalog not exceeding \$25 for the complete yearly catalog of copyright entries. The consolidated catalogs and indexes shall also be supplied to all persons ordering them at such prices as may be fixed by the Register of Copyrights, and all subscriptions for the catalogs shall be received by the Superintendent of Documents, who shall forward the said publications; and the moneys thus received shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States and accounted for under such laws and Treasury regulations as shall be in force at the time."

SEC. 2. Section 215 of said title 17 is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 215. FEES.—The Register of Copyrights shall receive, and the persons to whom the services designated are rendered shall pay, the following fees:

"For the registration of a claim to copyright in any work, except a print or label used for articles of merchandise, \$4; for the registration of a claim to copyright in a print or label used for articles of merchandise, \$6; which fees shall include a certificate of registration under seal for each work registered: *Provided*, That only one registration fee shall be required in the case of several volumes of the same book published and deposited at the same time.

"For recording the renewal of copyright and issuance of certificate therefor, \$2.

"For every additional certificate of registration, \$1.

"For certifying a copy of an application for registration of copyright, and for all other certifications, \$2.

"For recording every assignment, agreement, power of attorney, or other paper not exceeding six pages, \$3; for each additional page or less, 50 cents; for each title over one in the paper recorded, 50 cents additional.

"For recording a notice of use, \$2, for each notice of not more than five titles; and 50 cents for each additional title.

"For any requested search of Copyright Office records, or works deposited, or services rendered in connection therewith, \$3 for each hour of time consumed."

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect thirty days after its enactment.

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61 Stat. 668.  
17 U. S. C., Supp I,  
§ 215.

Effective date.