

for the shipment of household effects of civilian employees which are, and to the extent that such payments are, validated by section 1 hereof.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 3. Such appropriations as may be required for the settlement of claims under the provisions of this Act are hereby authorized.

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[CHAPTER 285]

AN ACT

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[Public Law 524]

To authorize a bridge, roads and approaches, supports and bents, or other structures, across, over, or upon lands of the United States within the limits of the Colonial National Historical Park at or near Yorktown, Virginia.

Colonial National
Historical Park, Va.
Right-of-way.

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, upon such terms and conditions as to location, type, or design of the structure or otherwise as to him and to the Secretary of the Navy may appear proper to protect the interests of the United States, is authorized to grant to the Commonwealth of Virginia or to its agency the Highway Commission of said Commonwealth right-of-way or other easement as may be proper to enable a highway bridge the level and design of which shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Navy, such bridge to be erected, operated, and maintained across the York River in the State of Virginia at or near Yorktown, Virginia, and for the purpose of permitting such portions of said bridge, the roads and approaches thereto, together with any necessary structures connected therewith as may be necessary for the construction, maintenance, and operation of said bridge, and for safe, reasonable, and proper ingress thereto or egress therefrom, to be located and erected across, over, or upon the property of the United States forming a part of the Colonial National Historical Park.

Payment.

The Secretary of the Interior is directed and authorized to secure and accept payment in cash or by land exchange as compensation to the United States for any lands used for such right-of-way and any moneys received may in turn be used by the Secretary of the Interior for the purchase of other privately owned historical lands within the boundaries of Colonial National Historical Park. Any lands so received or so purchased shall become part of Colonial National Historical Park.

Determination of
value of land.

The value of the park lands to be conveyed to the Commonwealth of Virginia as herein provided shall be determined by a committee of three appraisers, one each to be selected by the Governor of Virginia and the Secretary of the Interior, with the third appraiser to be mutually satisfactory to them. The Secretary may, in his discretion, approve the value agreed upon by a majority of the appraisers or he may require a new appraisal to be made in a similar manner. The decision of the Secretary shall be final and conclusive as to the value of the easement lands conveyed pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

Nothing in this Act or in any grant of right-of-way or other easement issued pursuant to this Act shall be construed to affect the provisions of the General Bridge Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 847).

33 U. S. C. §§ 525-
533.
Post, p. 267.

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[CHAPTER 286]

AN ACT

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[Public Law 525]

To provide for the licensing of marine radiotelegraph operators as ship radio officers, and for other purposes.

Marine radiotele-
graph operators.
Licensing.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the

complement of any vessel prescribed pursuant to section 4463 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (46 U. S. C., sec. 222), includes one or more radiotelegraph operators such operators shall be required to be licensed officers.

SEC. 2. The boards of local inspectors authorized under section 4414 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 46, sec. 382) shall license radiotelegraph operators, and it shall be unlawful to employ any person or for any person to serve as a radiotelegraph operator of any steamer or of any other vessel of over one hundred gross tons carrying passengers for hire who is not licensed by the inspectors; and anyone violating this section shall be liable to a penalty of \$100 for each offense.

Licensing by boards of local inspectors.

SEC. 3. Whenever any person applies for authority to perform the duties of radiotelegraph operator of any vessel, the inspectors shall require possession of a valid first- or second-class radiotelegraph operator license issued by the Federal Communications Commission; and if, upon full consideration, they are satisfied that his character, habits of life, and physical condition are such as to authorize the belief that he is a suitable and safe person to be entrusted with the powers and duties of such a station, they shall grant him a license, authorizing him to be employed in such duties for the term of five years, provided he continues to hold a valid first- or second-class radiotelegraph operator license issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

Requirements.

All licenses issued under this section shall be subject to suspension or revocation on the same grounds and in the same manner and with like procedure as is provided in the case of suspension or revocation of license of officers under the provisions of section 4450 of the Revised Statutes, as amended.

Suspension or revocation.

SEC. 4. (a) Section 2 of the Act of March 4, 1915, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 46, sec. 673), is amended by striking out the period after the words "management of the vessel" and inserting a colon and the following words: "*Provided*, That in the case of radiotelegraph operators this requirement shall be applicable only when three or more radio officers are employed."

46 U. S. C. § 239.

38 Stat. 1164.

(b) Nothing in this Act shall be presumed to repeal the provisions of section 2 of the Act of March 4, 1915, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 46, sec. 673), limiting the work of radiotelegraph operators to eight hours in one day.

38 Stat. 1164.

SEC. 5. Every radiotelegraph operator who receives a license shall, before entering upon his duties, make oath before one of the inspectors herein provided for, to be recorded with the certificate, that he will faithfully and honestly, according to his best skill and judgment, without concealment or reservation, perform all the duties required of him by law.

Oath.

Every applicant for license as radiotelegraph operator under the provisions of this Act shall make and subscribe to an oath or affirmation, before one of the inspectors referred to in this Act, to the truth of all the statements set forth in his application for such license.

Any person who shall make or subscribe to any oath or affirmation authorized in this Act and knowing the same to be false shall be deemed guilty of perjury.

Every radiotelegraph operator, who shall change, by addition, interpolation, or erasure of any kind, any certificate or license issued by an inspector or inspectors referred to in this Act shall, for every such offense, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment at hard labor for a term not exceeding three years.

Change of license by operator.

SEC. 6. Every radiotelegraph operator who shall receive a license shall, when employed upon any vessel, within forty-eight hours after going on duty, place his certificate of license, which shall be framed under glass, in some conspicuous place in such vessel, where it can

Posting license on vessel.

Transfer to another vessel.

be seen by passengers and others at all times: *Provided*, That in case of emergency such radiotelegraph operator may be transferred to another vessel of the same owners for a period not exceeding forty-eight hours without the transfer of his license; and for every neglect to comply with this provision by any such radiotelegraph operator, he shall be subject to a fine of \$100 or to the revocation of his license.

Vessels on Great Lakes.

SEC. 7. Nothing in this Act shall affect the status of radiotelegraph operators while serving aboard vessels operating solely on the Great Lakes.

Number of operators.

SEC. 8. Nothing in this Act shall increase the number of radiotelegraph operators at present required by law to be carried on vessels, or the type of vessels on which radiotelegraph operators are required to be carried, or to alter, repeal, modify, or affect any other statute of the United States, it being the only intent of this Act to give to radiotelegraph operators the status of licensed officers as herein provided without affecting in any way any statute of the United States except as specifically hereinbefore authorized.

Effective date.

SEC. 9. The provisions of this Act will become effective on April 1, 1949.

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[CHAPTER 289]

AN ACT

To establish eligibility for burial in national cemeteries, and for other purposes.

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[Public Law 526]

Eligibility for burial in national cemeteries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That burial in national cemeteries of the remains of the following classes of persons is authorized under such regulations as the Secretary of the Army may prescribe: (a) Any member or former member of the armed forces of the United States whose last service terminated honorably, by death or otherwise; (b) any citizen of the United States who, during any war in which the United States has been or may hereafter be engaged, served in the armed forces of any government allied with the United States during such war, and whose last service terminated honorably, by death or otherwise; and (c) the wife, husband, widow, widower, minor child, and, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, unmarried adult child of any of the persons enumerated in (a) and (b) herein: *Provided*, That the remains of those persons enumerated in (c), above, may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, be removed from a national cemetery proper and interred in the post section of a national cemetery or in a post cemetery if, upon death, the related member of the armed forces of the United States or allied government is not buried in the same or an adjoining grave site. Persons who were members of the Cabinet of the President of the United States at any time during the period between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, may also be buried in any national cemetery: *Provided*, That the interment is without cost to the United States. As used in this section, the term "widow" includes the widow of any member of the armed forces of the United States lost or buried at sea or officially determined to be permanently absent in a status of missing or missing in action.

Burial in post section.

Certain Cabinet members.

"Widow."

Repeal.

SEC. 2. Section 4878, Revised Statutes, as amended (24 U. S. C. 281), is hereby repealed.

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