

Penalty for viola-  
tions.

Conflicting laws re-  
pealed.

required to do duty to exceed nine hours of any twenty-four while in port, including the date of arrival, or more than twelve hours of any twenty-four at sea, except in a case of emergency when life or property is endangered. Any violation of this section shall subject the person or persons guilty thereof to a penalty of \$100.

SEC. 4. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, May 11, 1918.

May 14, 1918.  
[S. 3402.]

[Public, No. 148.]

CHAP. 73.—An Act To fix the age limits for candidates for admission to the United States Naval Academy.

Naval Academy.  
Age of admission to,  
modified.  
R. S., sec. 1517, p. 261,  
amended.  
Proviso.  
Not applicable to cur-  
rent year.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter all candidates for admission to the Naval Academy must be not less than sixteen years of age nor more than twenty years of age on April first of the calendar year in which they enter the academy: *Provided,* That the foregoing shall not apply to candidates for midshipmen designated for entrance to the academy in nineteen hundred and eighteen.

Approved, May 14, 1918.

May 16, 1918.  
[H. R. 10265.]

[Public, No. 149.]

CHAP. 74.—An Act To authorize the President to provide housing for war needs.

Housing for war  
needs.

President to provide  
houses, etc., for workers  
and their families dur-  
ing the war.

Employees in Dis-  
trict of Columbia.

Powers conferred.

Purchase, condem-  
nation, etc., of houses,  
local transportation,  
etc.

Lands, buildings  
thereon, etc.

Provisos.  
Restriction as to col-  
leges, private furnish-  
ings, etc.

Occupied dwellings.  
Contracts for.

Existing limitations  
on contracts with the  
Government not appli-  
cable.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President, for the purposes of providing housing, local transportation and other general community utilities for such industrial workers as are engaged in arsenals and navy yards of the United States and in industries connected with and essential to the national defense, and their families, and also employees of the United States whose duties require them to reside in the District of Columbia, and whose services are essential to war needs, and their families, only during the continuation of the existing war, is hereby authorized and empowered, within the limits of the amounts herein authorized—

(a) To purchase, acquire by lease, construct, requisition, or acquire by condemnation or by gift such houses, buildings, furnishings, improvements, local transportation and other general community utilities and parts thereof as he may determine to be necessary for the proper conduct of the existing war.

(b) To purchase, lease, requisition, or acquire by condemnation or by gift any improved or unimproved land, or any right, title, or interest therein on which such houses, buildings, improvements, local transportation and other general community utilities and parts thereof have been or may be constructed: *Provided,* That colleges, museums, libraries, State or municipal buildings, and the furnishings in private dwellings shall not be acquired except by contract, nor shall any occupied dwelling or place of abode be taken under the powers in this Act given except by contract unless the necessity thereof shall be determined by a judge of the circuit or district court of the United States exercising jurisdiction in the locality on petition setting forth the reason and necessity for such taking; the hearing on such petition shall be upon notice to the owner and occupant of such dwelling, and the determination of such judge shall be final, but in no event shall any occupied private dwelling house be taken except by contract unless such dwelling be upon lands desired for the construction of a Government structure: *Provided further,* That no existing limitation upon the right of any person to make a contract with the United States shall apply to owners whose property

the President determines is necessary for Government purposes and desires to either lease or purchase by contract under this or any other Act authorizing the President to acquire property by lease or purchase.

(c) To equip, manage, maintain, alter, rent, lease, exchange, sell, and convey such lands, or any right, title, or interest therein, houses, buildings, improvements, local transportation and other general community utilities, parts thereof, and equipment upon such terms and conditions as he may determine: *Provided*, That no sale and conveyance shall be made hereunder on credit without reserving a first lien on such property for the unpaid purchase money: *Provided further*, That in no case shall any property hereby acquired be given away, nor shall rents be furnished free, but the rental charges shall be reasonable and just as between the employees and the Government.

(d) To aid in providing, equipping, managing, and maintaining houses, buildings, improvements, local transportation and other general community utilities by loan or otherwise to such person or persons and upon such terms and conditions as he may determine: *Provided*, That no loan shall be made at a less rate of interest than five per centum per annum, and such loan shall be properly secured by lien, mortgage, or otherwise: *And provided further*, That no loan shall be made and no house or money given under this Act to any person not an American citizen.

(e) To take possession of, alter, repair, improve, and suitably arrange for living purposes to be used under the terms of this Act all houses on square six hundred and thirty-three except the Maltby Building, owned by the United States, together with any other houses in the District of Columbia owned by the Government and not now occupied. The President shall, in the construction of buildings in the District of Columbia, make use of any lands owned by the Government of the United States deemed by him to be suitable for the purpose and which have not heretofore been dedicated by Act of Congress for specific buildings.

The President may exercise any power or discretion herein granted, and may enter into any arrangement or contract incidental thereto, through such agency or agencies as he may create or designate: *Provided*, That houses erected by the Government under the authority of this Act shall be of only a temporary character except where the interests of the Government will be best subserved by the erection of buildings of a permanent character: *Provided further*, That whenever it is practicable to use any part of the office or field force of the Office of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department in or about any of the work contemplated by this Act, the President shall do so.

SEC. 2. That whenever the President shall purchase, lease, requisition, or acquire by condemnation or by gift such land or right, title, or interest therein, or such houses, buildings, furnishings, improvements, local transportation and other general community utilities, and parts thereof, he shall make just compensation therefor, to be determined by him, and if the amount thereof so determined is unsatisfactory to the person entitled to receive the same, such person shall be paid seventy-five per centum of the amount so determined and shall be entitled to sue the United States to recover such further sum as, added to such seventy-five per centum, will make up such amount as will be just compensation therefor in the manner provided for by section twenty-four, paragraph twenty, and section one hundred and forty-five of the Judicial Code.

SEC. 3. That upon the requisition of or the filing of a petition for the condemnation hereunder of such land, or any right, title, or interest therein, or such houses, buildings, furnishings, improvements,

Management, sale, etc., of properties.

*Provisos.*  
Conditions of sales.

Free disposal, rental, etc., forbidden.

Aid by loans to persons providing houses, etc.

*Provisos.*  
Interest and security.

Citizenship requirement.

District of Columbia. Use, etc., of Government owned buildings in.

Use of unassigned Government owned lands for buildings.

Execution of powers, etc.

*Provisos.*  
Temporary character of buildings.

Use of force of the Supervising Architect.

Compensation to be determined by the President.

Suit, etc., if amount unsatisfactory.

Procedure.  
Vol. 36, pp. 1093, 1137.

Immediate possession on filing condemnation petition.

local transportation and other general community utilities, and parts thereof, immediate possession thereof may be taken to the extent of the interest to be acquired and the same may be occupied, occupant being given ten days' notice in which to vacate, and used, and the provisions of section three hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, providing that no public money shall be expended upon such land until the written opinion of the Attorney General shall be had in favor of the validity of the title, nor until the consent of the legislature of the State in which the land is located has been given, shall be, and the same are hereby, suspended as to all real estate acquired hereunder.

Restriction as to title, etc., suspended.  
R. S., sec. 355, p. 60.

"Person" construed. SEC. 4. That the word "person" used herein shall include any person, trustee, firm, or corporation.

Powers to cease with the war.

SEC 5. That the power and authority granted herein shall cease with the termination of the present war, except the power and authority to care for, sell, or rent such property as remains undisposed of and to conclude and execute contracts for the sale of property made during the war. Such property shall be sold as soon after the conclusion of the war as it can be advantageously done: *Provided*, That before any sale is consummated the same must be authorized by Congress.

Sale, etc., of property.

Proviso. Action of Congress required.

Full reports to Congress. Details specified.

SEC. 6. That at the beginning of each session of Congress the President shall make to Congress a full and detailed report covering all of the transactions with relation to the subject matter of this Act, describing each parcel of land purchased, leased, or otherwise acquired, the improvements made thereon, together with the amount of money spent in connection therewith and the disposition of the same; descriptions of all parcels of property sold, to whom, the terms of sale, and the status of the title at the time of the making of such report; description of each piece of property purchased under the terms of this Act and still owned by the Government and the estimated value; a list showing the names of all persons who have been employed in any capacity to aid in carrying out the provisions of this Act, the service rendered by each and the amount of compensation, including fees, commissions, allowances, and traveling expenses paid to each, and a full, detailed, itemized statement showing each and every transaction in the execution of the trust herein created, and immediately after the declaration of peace the President shall make a final report to Congress covering in detail all the operations and transactions, under and by virtue of the terms of this Act.

Final report.

Restriction on contracts for work, etc.  
*Post*, p. 595.

SEC. 7. That no work to be done or contract to be made under or by authority of any provision of this Act shall be done or made on or under a percentage or cost-plus percentage basis, nor shall any contract be let until at least three responsible competing contractors shall have been notified and considered in connection with such contract, and all contracts to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, the Government reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Amount authorized.  
*Post*, p. 821.

Provisos. Limit on expenditures in District of Columbia.

SEC. 8. That for carrying out the provisions of this Act and for the administration thereof the sum of \$60,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized: *Provided*, That \$10,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, of the amount hereby authorized shall be used only to build or acquire, as herein provided, housing accommodations within the District of Columbia for such Government employees as can not be used as advantageously in other cities in the service of the Government, of which the sum of \$75,000, or so much thereof as shall be necessary therefor, shall be used by the Superintendent of the United States Capitol Buildings and Grounds to convert the building known as the Maltby Building into an apartment house or for office purposes: *Provided further*, That

Conversion of Maltby Building.

the expenditure in the District of Columbia shall be made with a view to caring for the alley population of the District when the war is over, so far as it can be done without interfering with war housing purposes.

Provision for alley population after the war.  
Post, p. 560.

Approved, May 16, 1918.

**CHAP. 75.**—An Act To amend section three, title one, of the Act entitled "An Act to punish acts of interference with the foreign relations, the neutrality, and the foreign commerce of the United States, to punish espionage, and better to enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and for other purposes," approved June fifteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes.

May 16, 1918.  
[H. R. 8753.]  
[Public, No. 150.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section three of title one of the Act entitled "An Act to punish acts of interference with the foreign relations, the neutrality, and the foreign commerce of the United States, to punish espionage, and better to enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and for other purposes," approved June fifteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

National Defense, Espionage, etc.  
Espionage offenses.  
Act, p. 219, amended.

"SEC. 3. Whoever, when the United States is at war, shall willfully make or convey false reports or false statements with intent to interfere with the operation or success of the military or naval forces of the United States, or to promote the success of its enemies, or shall willfully make or convey false reports or false statements, or say or do anything except by way of bona fide and not disloyal advice to an investor or investors, with intent to obstruct the sale by the United States of bonds or other securities of the United States or the making of loans by or to the United States, and whoever, when the United States is at war, shall willfully cause or attempt to cause, or incite or attempt to incite, insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny, or refusal of duty, in the military or naval forces of the United States, or shall willfully obstruct or attempt to obstruct the recruiting or enlistment service of the United States, and whoever, when the United States is at war, shall willfully utter, print, write, or publish any disloyal, profane, scurrilous, or abusive language about the form of government of the United States, or the Constitution of the United States, or the military or naval forces of the United States, or the flag of the United States, or the uniform of the Army or Navy of the United States, or any language intended to bring the form of government of the United States, or the Constitution of the United States, or the military or naval forces of the United States, or the flag of the United States, or the uniform of the Army or Navy of the United States into contempt, scorn, contumely, or disrepute, or shall willfully utter, print, write, or publish any language intended to incite, provoke, or encourage resistance to the United States, or to promote the cause of its enemies, or shall willfully display the flag of any foreign enemy, or shall willfully by utterance, writing, printing, publication, or language spoken, urge, incite, or advocate any curtailment of production in this country of any thing or things, product or products, necessary or essential to the prosecution of the war in which the United States may be engaged, with intent by such curtailment to cripple or hinder the United States in the prosecution of the war, and whoever shall willfully advocate, teach, defend, or suggest the doing of any of the acts or things in this section enumerated, and whoever shall by word or act support or favor the cause of any country with which the United States is at war or by word or act oppose the cause of the United States therein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000

Making false statements to interfere with success of national forces, etc.

Obstructing sale of Government bonds, etc.

Inciting disloyalty, mutiny, etc.

Obstructing enlistments.

Disloyal abuse of Government, armed forces, flag, etc.

Uttering contempt of form of government, Constitution, etc.

Provoking resistance to authorities, displaying enemy flag, etc.

Crippling production of essentials.

Advocating prohibited acts.

Supporting cause of enemy.

Punishment.