

Act not applicable to existing sales or contracts to sell.

Inconsistent legislation repealed.

Effective date.

Name of Act.

SEC. 76a. ACT DOES NOT APPLY TO THE EXISTING SALES OR CONTRACTS TO SELL.—None of the provisions of this Act shall apply to any sale, or to any contract to sell, made prior to the taking effect of this Act.

SEC. 77. INCONSISTENT LEGISLATION REPEALED.—All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 78. TIME WHEN THE ACT TAKES EFFECT.—This Act shall take effect on the 1st day of July, 1937.

SEC. 79. NAME OF ACT.—This Act may be cited as the "Uniform Sales Act".

Approved, March 17, 1937.

[CHAPTER 46]

AN ACT

March 24, 1937
[S. 361]

[Public, No. 22]

To further extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Garrison, North Dakota.

Missouri River.
Time extended for bridging, at Garrison, N. Dak.

47 Stat. 43, 804; 48 Stat. 946; 49 Stat. 288, 1476.

Amendment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River, at or near Garrison, North Dakota, authorized to be built by the State of North Dakota, by the Acts¹ of Congress approved February 10, 1932, and heretofore extended by Acts of Congress approved February 14, 1933, and June 12, 1934, May 24, 1935, and June 5, 1936, are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from June 12, 1937.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 24, 1937.

[CHAPTER 47]

AN ACT

March 24, 1937
[S. 996]

[Public, No. 23]

To further extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River between the towns of Decatur, Nebraska, and Onawa, Iowa.

Missouri River.
Time extended for bridging, Decatur, Nebr., to Onawa, Iowa.

49 Stat. 1072, 1530.

Amendment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River, between the towns of Decatur, Nebraska, and Onawa, Iowa, authorized to be built by the county of Burt, State of Nebraska, by section 29 of the Act of Congress approved August 30, 1935, heretofore extended by Act of Congress approved June 19, 1936, are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from August 30, 1937.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 24, 1937.

[CHAPTER 48]

AN ACT

March 24, 1937
[S. 997]

[Public, No. 24]

To further extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near the cities of South Sioux City, Nebraska, and Sioux City, Iowa.

Missouri River.
Time extended for bridging, South Sioux City, Nebr., to Sioux City, Iowa.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of the bridge across the Missouri River, at or near the cities of South Sioux City,

¹ So in original.

Nebraska, and Sioux City, Iowa, authorized to be built by the county of Dakota, State of Nebraska, by section 30 of the Act of Congress approved August 30, 1935, heretofore extended by Act of Congress approved June 19, 1936, are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from August 30, 1937.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 24, 1937.

[CHAPTER 49]

AN ACT

To amend section 4551 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 ed., Supp. II, title 46, sec. 643).

March 24, 1937
[H. R. 5487]
[Public, No. 25]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4551 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 ed., Supp. II, title 46, sec. 643), is amended to read as follows:

Merchant seamen.
R. S. § 4551.
46 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 643.

“SEC. 4551. (a) Every seaman upon a merchant vessel of the United States of the burden of one hundred gross tons or upward, except vessels employed exclusively in trade on the navigable rivers of the United States, shall be furnished, at the option of the seaman, with a book to be known as a continuous discharge book or with a certificate of identification, which book or certificate shall be retained by the seaman and shall contain the signature of the seaman to whom it is so furnished and a statement of his nationality, age, personal description, photograph, thumbprint, and home address. Such books or certificates shall be issued by the shipping commissioners, or, at ports where no shipping commissioners have been appointed, by collectors or deputy collectors of customs or United States local inspectors of steam vessels, in such manner and form as the Director of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce, shall determine. Any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or association which shall issue any such book or certificate, or make any statement or endorsement therein, except as authorized by the provisions of this section, or issue any imitation of any such book or certificate, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be imprisoned not less than one month nor more than three months, in the discretion of the court.

Continuous discharge book or certificate of identification.

Contents.

Issuance by shipping commissioners, etc.

Unauthorized entries, etc.

Penalty.

“(b) Any person applying for such book or certificate and claiming to be a citizen of the United States shall furnish satisfactory evidence of such citizenship.

Citizenship requirements.

“(c) No seaman shall be employed on any vessel to which this section applies until he has exhibited a certificate of identification or a continuous discharge book to the shipping commissioner, or in cases where seamen are not signed on before the shipping commissioner, to the master of the vessel: *Provided*, That the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the employment of seamen at a foreign port or place, in which case seamen so employed shall be furnished a continuous discharge book or a certificate of identification, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, at the first port of entry in the United States or its territories at which the vessel arrives after such seamen are so employed.

Employment without certificate, etc., forbidden.

Proviso.
Foreign ports; requirement.

“(d) Upon the discharge of any seaman and the payment of his wages, the shipping commissioner shall enter in the continuous discharge book of such seaman, if the seaman carries such a book, the name and official number of the vessel, the nature of the voyage (foreign, intercoastal, or coastwise), the class to which the vessel

Entry on seaman's discharge.

Data required.