

the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, July 8, 1941.

[CHAPTER 278]

AN ACT

To amend section 353 (b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

July 8, 1941  
[H. R. 2074]  
[Public Law 155]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 353 (b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. V, title 47, sec. 353 (b)), is hereby amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof a comma and the following: "but during the emergency proclaimed by the President on September 8, 1939, to exist, but not after June 30, 1943, the aforesaid requirement of six months' previous service may be suspended or modified by regulation or order of the Commission for successive periods of not more than six months' duration".

Communications Act of 1934, amendment.  
Radio operators on cargo ships.  
30 Stat. 193.  
47 U. S. C. § 353 (b).  
Experience requirements.

Approved, July 8, 1941.

[CHAPTER 279]

AN ACT

Relating to the manning of certain vessels of five hundred gross tons and less.

July 8, 1941  
[H. R. 4224]  
[Public Law 156]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, notwithstanding any provision of section 13 of the Act of March 4, 1915, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. V, title 46, sec. 672), every person may be rated as an able seaman for the purpose of serving on vessels of not more than five hundred gross tons, on bays and sounds, when such vessels are not carrying passengers, who is nineteen years of age and upward and who has had at least twelve months of service on deck at sea or on the Great Lakes or on the bays and sounds connected directly with the seas.

Merchant seamen on certain vessels.  
38 Stat. 1169.  
46 U. S. C. § 672.  
Post, p. 730.  
Rating as able seamen.

Approved, July 8, 1941.

[CHAPTER 280]

AN ACT

Relating to the manning of certain sail vessels.

July 8, 1941  
[H. R. 4225]  
[Public Law 157]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of section 13 of the Act of March 4, 1915, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. V, title 46, sec. 672), relating to the manning of certain vessels, shall not apply to any sail vessel of less than five hundred tons registered tonnage, while not carrying passengers for hire, and while not operating outside the line dividing inland waters from the high seas, as defined in section 2 of the Act of February 19, 1895, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 33, sec. 151).

Able seamen on sailing vessels.  
38 Stat. 1169.  
46 U. S. C. § 672.  
Post, p. 730.

Approved, July 8, 1941.

28 Stat. 672.  
33 U. S. C. § 151.

## [CHAPTER 281]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

July 8, 1941  
[H. J. Res. 22]  
[Public Law 158]

Authorizing the Secretary of War to convey certain lands to the State of West Virginia.

West Virginia.

Whereas in the prosecution of the Tygart River Reservoir project, near Grafton, West Virginia, certain residual lands lying beyond the limits of the reservoir area of the Tygart River Reservoir were acquired for the reason that the cost of such residual lands was much less than the cost of providing access roads thereto; and

Whereas the State of West Virginia is desirous of owning for public purposes the aforesaid residual lands: Therefore be it

Conveyance of lands  
to State.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to grant and convey by quitclaim deed to the State of West Virginia at such consideration as he shall deem reasonable such lands acquired by the United States in the prosecution of the Tygart River Reservoir project as the Secretary of War deems not necessary for the operation and maintenance of the said Tygart River Dam and Reservoir, under such conditions, restrictions, exceptions, and reservations as the Secretary of War deems necessary for the protection of the lands of the United States adjoining those to be conveyed to the State of West Virginia and for the operation and maintenance of the Tygart River Dam and Reservoir.

Approved, July 8, 1941.

## [CHAPTER 282]

## AN ACT

July 9, 1941  
[H. R. 531]  
[Public Law 159]

To amend the Act of April 6, 1938 (52 Stat. 201), entitled "An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange sites at Miami Beach, Dade County, Florida, for Coast Guard purposes".

Coast Guard.  
Exchange of certain  
sites in Florida.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act of April 6, 1938 (52 Stat. 201) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to exchange the existing Coast Guard sites located at Miami Beach, Dade County (commonly known as the House of Refuge property), and at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County (commonly known as the Base SIX property), in the State of Florida, or either of them, for any other site or sites or facilities thereon, or both, located in either of said counties, which are determined by a board of Coast Guard officers, appointed by the Commandant, to be adequate consideration for such exchange and suitable for Coast Guard purposes, subject to the approval of the Secretary: *Provided*, That the title to any land acquired in this manner shall be subject to the approval of the Attorney General: *Provided further*, That any conveyance by the Government under this Act shall be by a quitclaim deed.

*Provisos.*  
Approval of title.

Conveyance by  
quitclaim deed.

Contract authoriza-  
tion.

"SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to enter into such contracts, accept such bonds or other undertakings, and perform any and all other acts as he deems necessary to protect the interests of the United States in carrying out the provisions of this Act."

Approved, July 9, 1941.