

## [CHAPTER 421]

## AN ACT

September 25, 1941  
[H. R. 4826]  
[Public Law 258]

To amend section 8 of the Copyright Act of March 4, 1909, as amended, so as to preserve the rights of authors during the present emergency, and for other purposes.

Copyright Act of  
1909, amendment.  
35 Stat. 1077.  
17 U. S. C. § 8.

Authors, copyright  
owners, etc.  
Extension of time  
for compliance with  
copyright laws.

Proclamation.

Lawful uses, acts,  
etc., prior to effective  
date of proclamation.

Termination, exten-  
sion, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 8 of the Act entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts respecting copyright", approved March 4, 1909, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out the period at the end of the section, inserting a colon and adding "*Provided,*", followed by the following paragraphs: "That whenever the President shall find that the authors, copyright owners, or proprietors of works first produced or published abroad and subject to copyright or to renewal of copyright under the laws of the United States, including works subject to ad interim copyright, are or may have been temporarily unable to comply with the conditions and formalities prescribed with respect to such works by the copyright laws of the United States, because of the disruption or suspension of facilities essential for such compliance, he may by proclamation grant such extension of time as he may deem appropriate for the fulfillment of such conditions or formalities by authors, copyright owners, or proprietors who are citizens of the United States or who are nationals of countries which accord substantially equal treatment in this respect to authors, copyright owners, or proprietors who are citizens of the United States: *Provided further,* That no liability shall attach under the Copyright Act for lawful uses made or acts done prior to the effective date of such proclamation in connection with such works, or in respect to the continuance for one year subsequent to such date of any business undertaking or enterprise lawfully undertaken prior to such date involving expenditure or contractual obligation in connection with the exploitation, production, reproduction, circulation, or performance of any such work. "The President may at any time terminate any proclamation authorized herein or any part thereof or suspend or extend its operation for such period or periods of time as in his judgment the interests of the United States may require."

Approved, September 25, 1941.

## [CHAPTER 422]

## AN ACT

September 25, 1941  
[H. R. 4946]  
[Public Law 259]

Relating to the manning of certain seagoing barges.

Able seamen on sea-  
going barges.

38 Stat. 1169.  
46 U. S. C. § 672.  
Qualifications.

*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 seagoing barges 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.

Approved, September 25, 1941.

## [CHAPTER 423]

## AN ACT

To dispense with the requirement of clearance and entry for certain United States vessels on the Great Lakes which touch at Canadian ports for bunker fuel only.

September 25, 1941  
[H. R. 5289]  
[Public Law 260]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 2793 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., title 46, secs. 111 and 123), is amended to read as follows:

Shipping.

"SEC. 2793. Enrolled or licensed vessels engaged in the foreign and coasting trade on the northern, northeastern, and northwestern frontiers of the United States, departing from or arriving at a port in one district to or from a port in another district, and also touching at intermediate foreign ports, shall not thereby become liable to the payment of entry and clearance fees or tonnage tax, as if from or to foreign ports; but such vessel shall, notwithstanding, be required to enter and clear; except that when such vessels are on such voyages on the Great Lakes and touch at foreign ports for the purpose of taking on bunker fuel only, they may be exempted from entering and clearing under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of Commerce may prescribe, notwithstanding any other provisions of law: *Provided*, That this exception shall not apply to such vessels if, while at such foreign port, they land or take on board any passengers, or any merchandise other than bunker fuel, receive orders, discharge any seamen by mutual consent, or engage any seamen to replace those discharged by mutual consent, or transact any other business save that of taking on bunker fuel."

Clearance and entry for certain vessels.

Exception.

Proviso.

Approved, September 25, 1941.

## [CHAPTER 424]

## AN ACT

To permit the steamship Port Saunders, official number 220150, and steamship Hawk, official number 220149, to engage in the fisheries.

September 25, 1941  
[H. R. 5425]  
[Public Law 261]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the steamship Port Saunders, official number 220150, and the steamship Hawk, official number 220149, may be registered or enrolled and licensed as vessels of the United States for the purpose of engaging in the fisheries as long as such vessels are owned by a citizen of the United States, native born or fully naturalized, or a corporation which is a citizen of the United States and of which 75 per centum of the interest therein is owned by citizens of the United States, as defined in section 2 (c) of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended: *Provided*, That neither of these vessels may engage in the coastwise trade under penalty of forfeiture.

S. S. Port Saunders  
and S. S. Hawk.  
Registration, etc.

41 Stat. 1008.  
46 U. S. C. § 802 (c).  
*Proviso.*

Approved, September 25, 1941.

## [CHAPTER 425]

## AN ACT

To provide retirement pay and hospital benefits to certain Reserve officers, Army of the United States, disabled while on active duty.

September 26, 1941  
[H. R. 3484]  
[Public Law 262]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Reserve officers, Army of the United States, who were called or ordered into the active military service by the Federal Government for extended military service in excess of thirty days on or subsequent to February 28, 1925, other than for service with the Civilian Conservation Corps, and who are now disabled from disease or injury contracted or received in line of duty while so employed, shall be deemed to have

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Army of U. S.  
Retirement pay and  
hospital benefits.