

[CHAPTER 92]

AN ACT

March 14, 1944
[H. R. 2912]
[Public Law 255]

To authorize the charging of tolls for the passage or transit of Government traffic over the Golden Gate Bridge.

Golden Gate Bridge.
Tolls on Govern-
ment traffic.

Free use by desig-
nated personnel.

Authorization for
free use.

Other means of es-
tablishing right to free
use.

Unlawful acts.

Penalty.

Effective date.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That tolls may be charged for the passage or transit over the Golden Gate Bridge of Government traffic, of military or naval personnel and their dependents, and of civilian employees of the Army and Navy traveling on Government business, but such tolls shall not be in excess of the tolls charged for the passage or transit of other like traffic over such bridge: *Provided, however,* That subject to the provisions of section 2, military and naval personnel, and civilian employees of the Army and Navy, when such personnel or employees are engaged in the performance of official duties requiring the use of such bridge, together with the conveyances being used by them in the performance of such duties, shall have the use of such bridge free of toll.

SEC. 2. (a) The use of the Golden Gate Bridge free of toll, provided for in section 1, shall be granted upon the presentation and surrender at the toll lanes of an authorization certifying that the traffic in question is entitled to such right. Such authorization shall be issued and signed by any military or naval officer designated for such purpose in accordance with regulations which shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, respectively. The names and signatures of officers so designated shall be furnished to the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District, and thereafter authorizations signed by them shall be accepted by such bridge and highway district as prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), such right to use the Golden Gate Bridge free of toll may be established by any other device or means which may be acceptable to the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District; and the Secretary of War and the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District, and the Secretary of the Navy and the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District, may enter into any appropriate agreements to secure the effective, convenient, and just exercise of such right.

SEC. 3. Whoever secures or attempts to secure the exemption from toll provided for in this Act or an authorization referred to in section 2, knowing that he is not entitled thereto, and whoever signs or issues any such authorization certifying to such right of exemption, knowing that such right does not exist, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than ten days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall take effect thirty days after the date of its enactment.

Approved March 14, 1944.

[CHAPTER 93]

AN ACT

March 14, 1944
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[Public Law 256]

Authorizing appropriations for the United States Navy for additional ship repair facilities, and for other purposes.

Navy.
Ship repair facili-
ties.
Post, pp. 159, 315.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$130,000,000 for essential equipment and facilities at either private or public plants for repairing, altering, or