

## [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  
[S. 1658]  
[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

converting any vessel operated by the Navy or the War Shipping Administration or being prepared for the use of either.

SEC. 2. The authority herein granted shall include the authority to acquire lands at such locations as the Secretary of the Navy may deem best suited to the purpose of the authority herein contained, erect or extend buildings, acquire the necessary machinery and equipment, and shall be in addition to all authority heretofore granted for these purposes.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Navy from time to time, but not less frequently than every sixty days, shall transmit to the Congress a full report of all acquisitions of land, by lease or otherwise, effected under the authority of this Act.

Approved March 14, 1944.

Acquisition of lands,  
etc.

Reports to Con-  
gress.

[CHAPTER 98]

AN ACT

To extend the time within which the States of Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming may negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement for division of the waters of the Yellowstone River.

March 16, 1944  
[S. 1337]  
[Public Law 257]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the States of Montana and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement for division of the waters of the Yellowstone River", approved August 2, 1937 (50 Stat. 551), as amended and extended by the Act entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the States of Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement for division of the waters of the Yellowstone River", approved June 15, 1940 (54 Stat. 399), is further amended by striking out "June 1, 1943" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 1, 1947".

Approved March 16, 1944.

Yellowstone River  
compact.  
Time extension for  
negotiation, etc.

[CHAPTER 101]

AN ACT

To amend section 31 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

March 17, 1944  
[S. 1146]  
[Public Law 258]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 31 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is amended to read as follows:

"REGISTRATION FEES

"SEC. 31. Every national securities exchange shall pay to the Commission on or before March 15 of each calendar year a registration fee for the privilege of doing business as a national securities exchange during the preceding calendar year or any part thereof. Such fee shall be in an amount equal to one five-hundredths of 1 per centum of the aggregate dollar amount of the sales of securities (other than securities which are direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States or such securities issued or guaranteed by corporations in which the United States has a direct or an indirect interest as shall be designated for exemption from the provisions of this section by the Secretary of the Treasury) transacted on such national securities exchange during the preceding calendar year and subsequent to its registration as a national securities exchange."

Approved March 17, 1944.

Securities Exchange  
Act of 1934, amend-  
ment.  
48 Stat. 904.  
15 U. S. C. § 78ee.