

Use of departmental and field appropriations.

carrying and handling the several classes of mail matter and of performing the special services, and to state the results annually and pay the cost thereof out of the departmental and field appropriations of the several bureaus of the Department supervising or conducting the studies."

Approved June 28, 1944.

[CHAPTER 293]

AN ACT

Relating to the use of the penalty mail privilege.

June 28, 1944
[H. R. 4033]
[Public Law 364]

Penalty mail privilege.
Procurement of envelopes, etc.

Annual statement to Postmaster General.

Annual report to Congress and to Bureau of the Budget.

Quarterly reports.

Appropriation estimates to cover handling costs.

Deposit of equivalent in Treasury.

Weight limitation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all envelopes, labels, wrappers, cards, and other articles, bearing the indicia prescribed by law for matter mailed free of postage under the penalty privilege by all executive departments and agencies, all independent establishments of the Government, and all other organizations and persons authorized by law to use the penalty privilege, shall be procured or accounted for through the Postmaster General under such regulations as he shall prescribe. The head of each such department, agency, establishment, or other organization, or each such person, shall submit to the Postmaster General within sixty days after the close of each fiscal year a statement showing the number of envelopes, labels, wrappers, cards, and other articles bearing such indicia on hand at the close of such fiscal year.

SEC. 2. (a) The Postmaster General shall report to the Congress and to the Bureau of the Budget as soon as practicable after the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and within ninety days after the close of each subsequent fiscal year, the number of envelopes, labels, wrappers, cards, and other articles bearing such penalty indicia used during such fiscal year by each executive department and agency, by each independent establishment, and by each organization and person authorized by law to use the penalty privilege.

(b) The Postmaster General shall, beginning with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1944, report quarterly to the Congress and the Bureau of the Budget the number of envelopes, labels, wrappers, cards, and other articles bearing such penalty indicia procured or accounted for, through him, by each such department, agency, establishment, and other organization and person, together with the estimated number of pieces and weight of matter mailed free of postage under the penalty privilege and the estimated cost of handling such matter as determined by the cost ascertainment procedure of the Post Office Department.

(c) Based on the estimated cost determined in accordance with subsection (b), each such department, agency, and independent establishment, except the Post Office Department, shall include in its annual estimates of appropriations an amount representing the anticipated costs to the Post Office Department of handling the penalty mail of such department, agency, or independent establishment.

(d) Within thirty days following determination and advice by the Postmaster General of the estimated cost of handling the penalty mail, each such department, agency, and independent establishment shall deposit in the general funds of the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts from its appropriations an amount equivalent to such costs.

SEC. 3. On and after August 1, 1944, no article or package of official matter, or number of articles or packages of official matter constituting in fact a single shipment, exceeding four pounds in weight shall be admitted to the mails under the penalty privilege, except (1) stamped paper and supplies sold or used by the postal

service; and (2) books and documents published or circulated by order of Congress when mailed by the Superintendent of Public Documents or under the franking privilege.

SEC. 4. (a) Official matter not within the provisions of section 3 which is over four pounds in weight, if otherwise mailable, whether sealed or unsealed, including written matter, shall, if such matter does not exceed the limit of weight or size prescribed for fourth-class matter, be accepted for mailing upon the payment of postage at fourth-class rates.

(b) Shipments of official matter shall be sent by the most economical means of transportation practicable, and the Postmaster General may refuse to accept any such matter for shipment by mail when in his judgment it is in the public interest that it be forwarded by other means at less expense.

SEC. 5. Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this Act shall not apply to the Department of War and the Department of the Navy, and their activities outside of the city of Washington, for the duration of the present war and six months thereafter.

SEC. 6. All executive departments and agencies, all independent establishments of the Government, and all other organizations and persons authorized by law to use the penalty privilege, are directed to supply as soon as practicable, all necessary information requested by the Post Office Department to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect July 1, 1944.

Approved June 28, 1944.

Fourth-class rates.

Use of most economical transportation.

Nonapplication to War and Navy Departments.

Information to be supplied.

Appropriations authorized.
Post, pp. 873, 920.
Effective date.

[CHAPTER 294]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, and for other purposes.

June 28, 1944
[H. R. 4204]
[Public Law 365]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, namely:

Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce Appropriation Act, 1945.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Salaries: For Secretary of State; Under Secretary of State, \$10,000; Counselor, \$10,000; and other personal services in the District of Columbia, including not to exceed \$6,500 for employees engaged on piece work at rates to be fixed by the Secretary of State; \$10,340,000, of which \$40,000 is hereby made available for salaries of members and other employees of the Visa Board of Appeals and salaries may be paid to the members of such Board at a rate not exceeding \$10,000 per annum each.

Department of State Appropriation Act, 1945.
Post, pp. 869, 876.

Visa Board of Appeals.

Contingent expenses: For contingent and miscellaneous expenses, including stationery, furniture, fixtures; purchase of uniforms; microfilming equipment, including rental and repair thereof; translating services and services for the analysis and tabulation of technical information and the preparation of special maps, globes, and geographic aids by contract without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U. S. C. 5); purchase and presentation of various objects of a cultural nature suitable for presentation (through

Objects for presentation to foreign governments.