

Proviso.
Limitation on ex-
penses.

Payment of tuition.

industrial plants or other places as shall be best suited to enable such personnel to acquire a knowledge of or experience in the specialties incident to aviation in which the training of such personnel is essential: *Provided*, That no expense shall be incurred by the United States in addition to the authorized emoluments of the personnel so detailed except for the cost of tuition at such educational institutions, and the cost of maintenance of necessary personnel who may be detailed as supervisors or inspectors and of the equipment assigned to them for their official use: *Provided further*, That the tuition for the personnel during the period of their detail may be paid from any funds which may hereafter be made available for the procurement branches.

Approved, July 3, 1941.

[CHAPTER 276]

AN ACT

To amend section 2 of the Act of August 27, 1935, as amended.

July 3, 1941
[H. R. 4988]
[Public Law 153]

Coastwise Load
Line Act, 1935,
amendment.
49 Stat. 888, 1543.
46 U. S. C. § 88a.

Proviso.
Establishment of
load lines during na-
tional emergency.
6 F. R. 2617.

47 Stat. 2228.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of August 27, 1935, as amended by the Act of June 20, 1936 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. V, title 46, sec. 88a), is amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a colon and by the addition immediately thereafter of the following: "*Provided, however*, That during the national emergency proclaimed by the President on May 27, 1941, to exist, but not after June 30, 1943, load lines may be established or marked on any vessel (except a passenger vessel) while engaged on a coastwise voyage by sea from port to port in the continental United States, which load line gives a lesser free board and less buoyance than the load line established by the International Treaty on Load Lines of 1930, when, in the opinion of the Secretary of Commerce, such load line will not be above the actual line of safety."

Approved, July 3, 1941.

[CHAPTER 277]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Norfolk and Western Railway Company to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Tug Fork of Big Sandy River near Nolan, Mingo County, West Virginia.

July 8, 1941
[S. 1304]
[Public Law 154]

Tug Fork of Big
Sandy River.
Bridge authorized
across, near Nolan,
W. Va.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-
498.

Right to sell, trans-
fer, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Virginia, and authorized to do business in the States of West Virginia and Kentucky, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge and approaches thereto across the Tug Fork of Big Sandy River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation near Nolan, West Virginia, where the said Tug Fork forms the boundary line between the States of West Virginia and Kentucky, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906.

SEC. 2. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, its successors and assigns, and any corporation to which such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which shall acquire

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.

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".

Approved, July 8, 1941.

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

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

[CHAPTER 279]

AN ACT

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

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.

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

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

[CHAPTER 280]

AN ACT

Relating to the manning of certain sail vessels.

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).

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

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

28 Stat. 672.
33 U. S. C. § 151.